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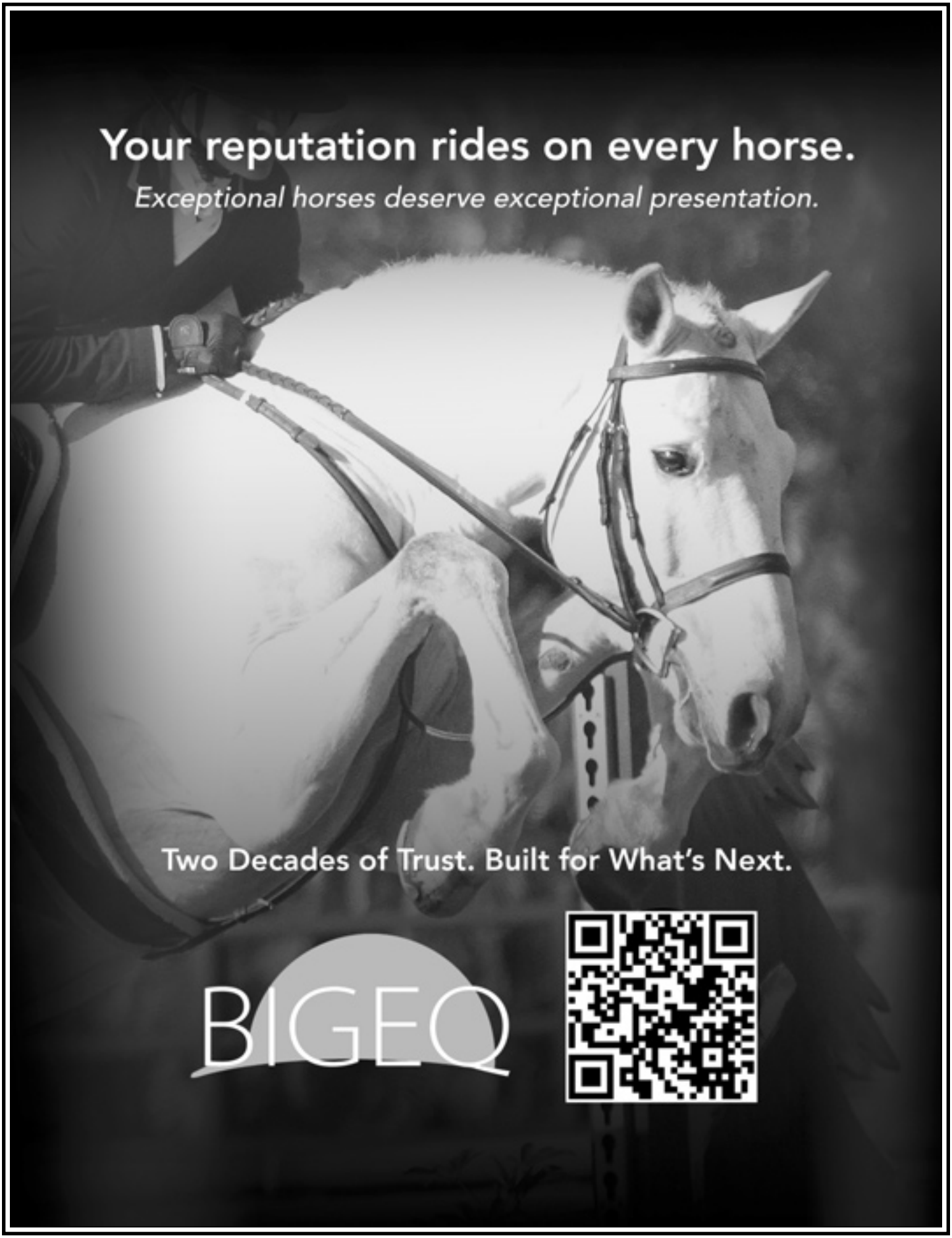
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Welcome to the 51st year of the New England Equitation Championships and one of the premier equitation events of the year! All your hard work, dedication, and success have enabled you to join us October 14th to 18th, 2026 at the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. For our 7th year, NEEC will be the host of the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals East. This final will be held on Saturday, October 17th, preceding the NEHC Junior Hunt Seat Medal Final on Sunday, October 18th.

The NEEC is proud to offer three grants in memory of Joe Medico, Fred Hunt, and Mason Phelps, all of whom had a profound impact on our finals as well as the horse community. We encourage riders to read about these grants and submit applications if they feel they are deserving. Two scholarships are also awarded by NEEC and NEHC. Grant and scholarship descriptions, applications and deadline information can be found at newenglandequitation.com/scholarships-grants.

The ever-popular Junior Celebration will be held at NEEC's official hotel, the Marriott Springfield Downtown, on Friday, October 16th. Tickets are available through Eventbrite and must be purchased by Thursday, October 15th. Details can be found at newenglandequitation.com/juniors. Our juniors in their last year (JILYs) will be featured in the junior video during the celebration.

The New England Equitation Championships is considered one of, if not the best, equitation finals in the country. It is because of the hard work of many individuals and the generous support of our sponsors that we are able to hold these finals each year. We are extremely proud of the opportunity it presents for outstanding horse-people to test themselves and take their place in NEEC history. We look forward to seeing you this October!



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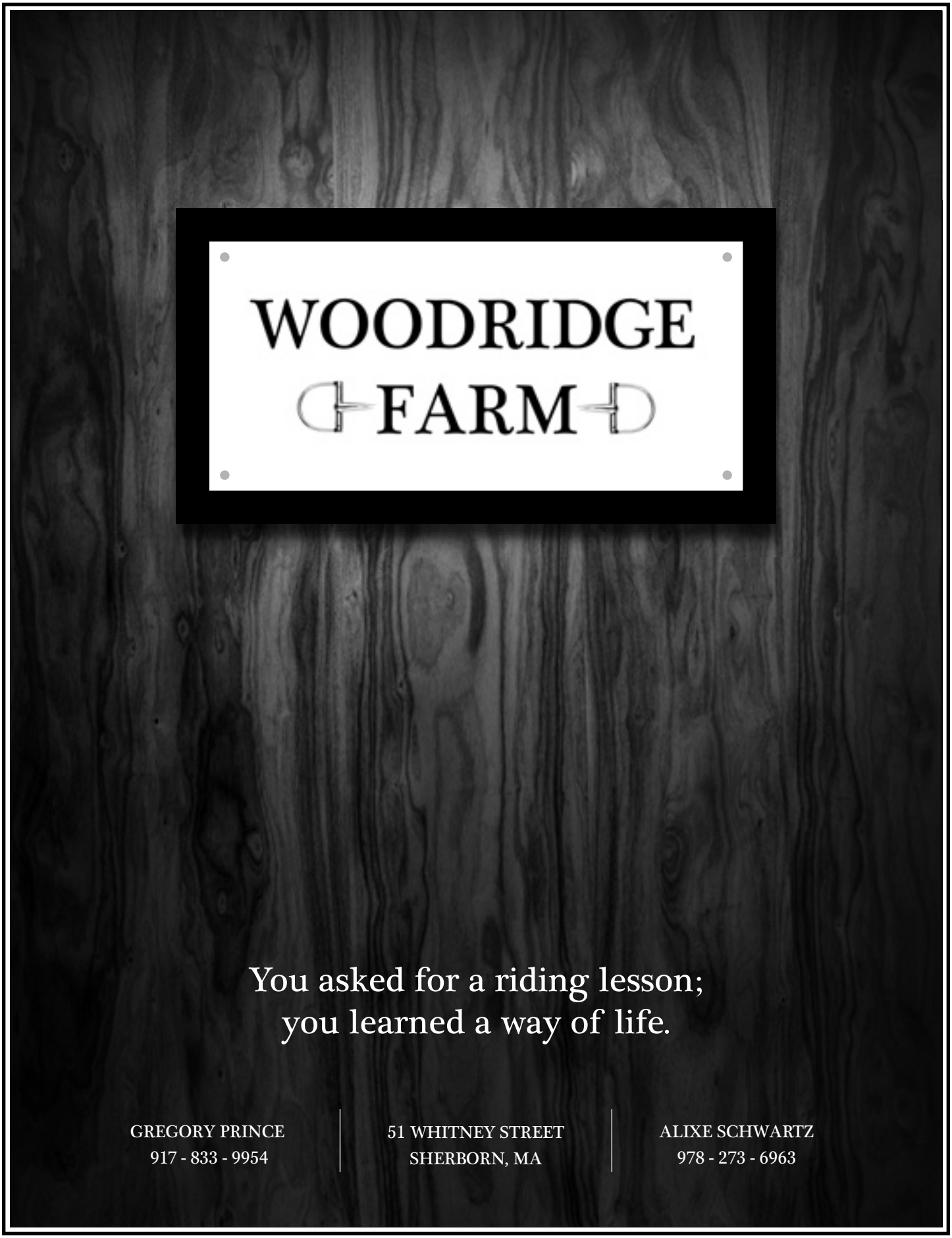
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MEET THE JUDGES



Cynthia Hankins

Cynthia has been dedicated to the horse industry since childhood, beginning her riding career in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and winning leadline at Devon at just three years old. As a junior, she captured the USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals title and went on to compete internationally throughout Europe. A USEF "R" judge for more than 40 years, Cynthia has officiated at many of the sport's most prestigious events, including the USEF Medal Finals, ASPCA Maclay Finals, USEF Talent Search Finals, East Coast Equitation Championships, and numerous NCEA competitions. She has also been a USEF EAP clinician since 2011. This year marks her second time judging the New England Equitation Championships. Cynthia now divides her time between Pennsylvania and Normandy, France, and is also the author of *Baxton Bay: A Pony's Tale*, a book inspired by her lifelong passion for horses. One of Cynthia's most cherished memories came while competing in Arezzo, Italy, when the American flag was raised and the national anthem played following her victory in the 7-Year-Old division — a moment she says still gives her goosebumps.



Ken Krome

Ken's riding career began at his mother's pony camp and he has been involved with horses ever since. As a junior rider, Ken competed many times in National Medal Finals and won the Maryland Medal Finals. Since then, he has won the Five Year Old Jumper Finals, placed in many Grand Prixs, and won several Zone and National High Score awards. While attending the University of Wyoming on a rodeo scholarship, Ken began his judging career. Today, he's licensed by both USEF and FEI as a Judge and Course Designer. He has course designed across the country including notable places such as WEF, WIHS, Devon, Kentucky, Vermont, Ocala, Legacy Cup, and Upperville. Ken owns K-2 Show Stables in Maryland where he rides, trains, shows, and coaches at competitions throughout the East Coast. In 2010, Ken was the recipient of the WCHR Hunter Course Designer's Trophy, awarded by the World Championship Hunter Rider Program to a person who exemplifies dedication and lifetime commitment to hunter course designing. The New England Equitation Championships is proud to welcome Ken back as course designer and judge for another year.



2025 Judges
Ken Krome, Walter "Jimmy" Lee, Mark Jungherr, Tiffany Morrissey, Hope Glynn, and Jack Towell



Danny Robertshaw

Danny is one of the most respected horsemen in the hunter industry, with a career spanning more than four decades as a rider, trainer, judge, and mentor. A member of the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame, Danny made history by becoming the first rider to win Regular Working Hunter championships at Devon, the Pennsylvania National, the Washington International, the National Horse Show, and the Royal Winter Fair in a single season with the legendary hunter Protocol. A USEF "R" judge, Danny has officiated many of the sport's most prestigious competitions, including the Devon Horse Show, National Horse Show, Washington International, and ASPCA Maclay Finals. This will be Danny's fifth year judging the New England Equitation Championships. Beyond the show ring, he co-founded Danny & Ron's Rescue, an organization that has found loving homes for thousands of dogs, reflecting Danny's lifelong dedication to both horses and animals.



Mike Rosser

Mike started riding at an early age and it evolved into the professional horseman he is today. He and wife, Alicia, own and operate Reynard's Ridge in Southern Pines, NC. For over 40 years they have successfully taught, trained, fox hunted and shown hunters and jumpers. Mike has been a USEF "R" rated judge for 39 years officiating at a full complement of prestigious shows including Devon, Capital Challenge, Harrisburg, Washington International, Royal Winter Fair, WEF, the $500,000 Hunter Classic, and the Green Incentive Finals along with Derby Finals. Mike has been named the NC Horseman of the Year 3 times, is President of the NCHJA, holds several positions on USHJA committees and says "everyday as a professional Horseman is memorable." A lucky man!



Susan Schoellkopf

Susan is the owner of SBS Farms Inc. and has been a respected leader in the hunter/jumper industry for more than four decades. She began riding at the Saddle and Bridle Club in Buffalo, now known as the Buffalo Therapeutic Riding Center, where she currently serves as Executive Director. Throughout her distinguished career, Susan has earned numerous National High Score awards with horses she has trained and has been inducted into both the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame and the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame. She has also served as Head of the USEF Hunter Committee and is a member of the USEF Veterinary Committee, reflecting her longstanding commitment to advancing the sport. A judge for over 40 years, Susan has officiated at many of the nation's premier competitions, including the Devon Horse Show, National Horse Show, Hampton Classic, Wellington, Thermal, ASPCA Maclay Finals, and Washington International Horse Show. This year marks her third time judging the New England Equitation Championships. When asked about her most memorable judging experience, Susan simply says, "I love to judge, so they have all been great."



Jimmy Toon

Jimmy is a highly respected trainer, rider, and USEF "R" judge with decades of experience in the hunter and equitation disciplines. As the owner of JT Farm, he has developed countless successful horses and riders, with his students earning championships and reserve championships at many of the nation's premier horse shows, including Devon, the National Horse Show, the Pennsylvania National, the Washington International, Capital Challenge, and the Winter Equestrian Festival. Widely recognized for his expertise in the judging booth, Jimmy has officiated at many of the sport's most prestigious competitions, including the USEF Medal Finals, ASPCA Maclay Finals, Maclay Regionals, Hampton Classic, and the Winter Equestrian Festival. His dedication to horsemanship and developing riders has made him one of the industry's most respected judges and clinicians. This year marks Jimmy's third time judging the New England Equitation Championships.

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HISTORY OF THE NEEC

Our Foundation

In the 1970s, 2015 NEEC Lifetime Achievement Award winner Mason Phelps moved from California to Rhode Island. At the time, California had an equitation final for just about everybody and when Mason movcd to New England he found that there were no equitation finals – he set about changing that.

In order to start the New Horseman's Junior Medal class, Mason had to become a board member of RIHA. He was then able to join the New England Horseman's Council board and get the Finals started. With the help of Liz Rooney and Gerry Reeves they started the process to convincing the New England Horseman's Council that an equitation medal was needed.

In doing so they created the New England Equitation Committee which organizes and runs the New England Horseman's Council Hunt Seat Medal Finals (hereafter "the Finals"). The original Committee consisted of Mason Phelps, Jamie Mann, Joe Dotoli, Julie Ulrich and Nancy Ciesluk. Over time the Committee added Jay Sargent, John Strohmeier, Dana Jungherr, Fred Hunt, Bob Crawford, and Carl Catani; and more recently Pam Hunt, Lauren Stevens, Debbie Hoyt Banfield, Cookie DeSimone, Amy Eidson, Kristen Bumpus, Armand Chenelle, Kathy Fletcher, Patti Harnois, Olana Laffey, Linda Langmeier and Laurel Tinney; and most recently joining Monica Hunt, Kate McDaniel, Johanna Hyyppa and Kellie Riordan. The Committee has always consisted of professional horsemen.



Changes of Venue

1976

Providence Civic Center "RI Horse Show" Providence, RI

With just 17 Junior riders, the Finals was a class held during the regular show, mixed in with other classes. The specifications back then were that fences were not to exceed 3'6", there was a flat phase and the top four were tested.

1977 – 1980

Shamrock Stables, Portsmouth RI

1981 – 1983

Flying Horse Stable, Hamilton, MA

1984

Shallowbrook Equestrian Center, Somers CT

The Finals became its own event.

1985

Young Entry Stable, Hamilton, MA

1986

Forest Hill Stable, Grantham, NH

1987 – 1992

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

Held in conjunction with the Massachusetts Junior Finals until 1988 when, because of the rapid growth of the Finals (due in part to the addition of an Adult division that year), the Massachusetts Junior Finals decided to find its own venue.

1993 – 2019

Big E, West Springfield, MA

2020

Fieldstone Show Park, Halifax, MA

2021 – PRESENT

Big E, West Springfield, MA

How We've Grown

Through the years the judging panel has evolved from just one judge to six judges, working in pairs. The scoreboard with instant running results began in 1993 when the show moved to its latest venue at the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts. That same year, the Adult division grew to the point of needing age groups – younger and older adult riders. In 2002, the growing adult division was divided yet again into younger, middle and older. In 2017, it increased again to include four adult divisions.

The Finals have expanded to include many awards and innovative events. Awards such as the Lifetime Achievement Award named in honor of A. Martin Simenson, D.V.M.; the Joanne C. Corsiglia Scholarship Award dedicated to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Reeve, given to both a junior and an adult proven worthy of the award; and the "Nicholas" award, which is a Career Achievement Award for horses.

Creative thinker, Joe Dotoli, added the Horsemanship Class in 1997. It has three sections: a written exam, a practicum and the rider's first round score from the Finals class. It is named after the rider who won the first year, Katie Battison, who passed away at an early age. This class is now copied across the country and is highly competitive. Some winners have even gone on to be veterinarians!

In 1998, Joe came up with another great class idea: The Challenge of the States. This class, held on Saturday, is open to the junior and adult riders with the top scores from the Open equitation classes who then represent their state. Trainers are not allowed to help riders – they do their own course walk, schooling and planning. Riders dress up in great costumes and work as a team. If given the choice, many riders say they would choose riding in the Challenge of the States over riding in the Finals. It is a true highlight to the weekend.

What is likely the most anticipated event of the show is the Junior Celebration held on Friday night. This dinner is open to all junior riders, their families and trainers. It features a professional musical video presentation that captures the year-long competitions leading up to the Finals and includes photos and video clips from the lives of the juniors who are in their last year of showing.

The New England Championships have grown from just 17 riders in 1976 to a record 253 junior riders in 2010 and a record 208 adult riders in 2009. Its competitors have gone on to become veterinarians, professional riders and trainers, Ivy League scholars, Olympic Gold Medalists and more. What was once a single class lumped in at another hose show is now its own renowned Final held over five days at its own venue and is broadcast worldwide on ClipMyHorse.tv.

Many thanks to John Bahret, Amy Eidson and Joe Dotoli for their help compiling the history of the New England Equitation Championships.

New England Equitation Championships by the Numbers

7,000+ *Junior riders have participated in the NEEC Medal Finals Since 1976*

22 *Riders who were Champion or Reserve at New England Finals were also Champion or Reserve at Medal, Maclay or Talent Search Finals*

6 *Horsemanship winners have gone on to be Veterinarians*

5 *NEEC Champions have gone on to International Competition*

2 *NEEC Champions have won Olympic Gold Medals*

2 *Juniors have won both the NEEC Medal and Horsemanship Challenge*

2 *Juniors have won the Horsemanship Challenge multiple times*

1 *Mother-Daughter combination has won the NEEC Medal*



2026 Juniors In Their Last Year

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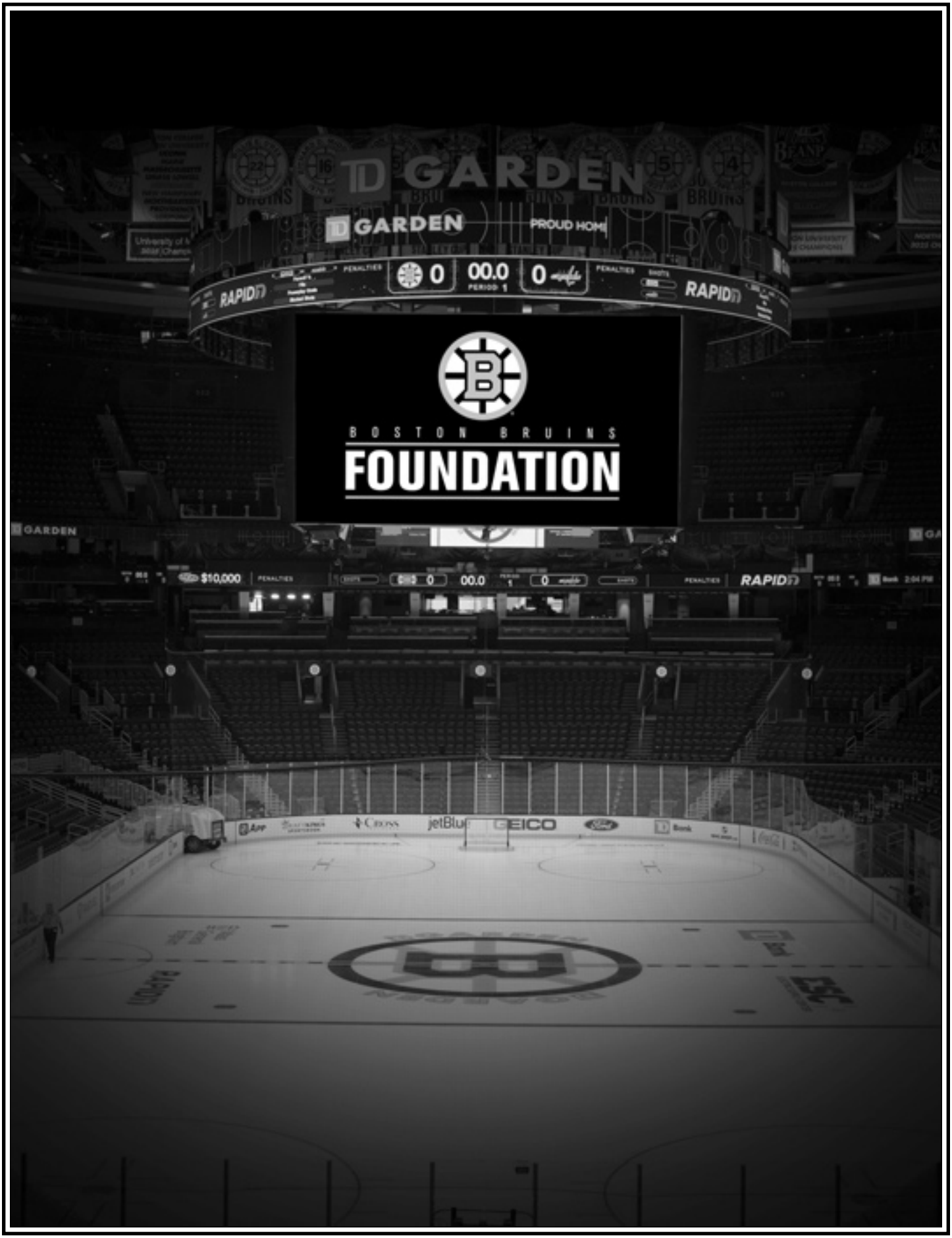
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 12

Horses Allowed on Grounds . . . . . 12:00 pm
Coliseum Warm-Up Sign Up *(show office)* . . . . . 2:00 pm

Tuesday, October 13

Coliseum Warm-Up Begins . . . . . 7:30 am

Basic Life Support Class . . . . . 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
includes AED and CPR training (near show office)

Wednesday, October 14

CLASS 1:
Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 46 & Over

Course Walk. . . . . 7:15 – 7:45 am
Section A . . . . . 8:00 – 8:45 am
Section B . . . . . 8:45 – 9:30 am

CLASS 2:
NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 46 & Over

Course Walk. . . . . 9:30 – 10:00 am
Round 1 & 2. . . . . 10:00 – 11:30 am
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

* *Groom Award (winning horse)*
* *Older Adult Sportsmanship Award*
* *Sue Brainard Award*

CLASS 3:
Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 28 – 45

Course Walk . . . . . 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Section A . . . . . 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Section B . . . . . 1:00 – 2:00 pm

CLASS 4:
NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 28 – 45

Course Walk . . . . . 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Round 1 & 2 . . . . . 2:30 – 5:00 pm
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

* *Groom Award (winning horse)*

Thursday, October 15

CLASS 5:
Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 22 – 27

Course Walk. . . . . 7:15 – 7:45 am
Section A . . . . . 8:00 – 8:30 am
Section B . . . . . 8:30 – 9:15 am

CLASS 6:
NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 22 – 27

Course Walk. . . . . 9:30 – 10:00 am
Round 1 & 2 . . . . . 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

* *Groom Award (winning horse)*
* *Younger Adult Sportsmanship Award*
* *NEEC Adult Grant in Memory of Fred Hunt*
* *Lifetime Achievement Award*

CLASS 7:
Open Adult Amateur Equitation, 18 – 21

Course Walk . . . . . 12:00 – 12:30 pm
Section A . . . . . 12:30 – 1:00 pm
Section B . . . . . 1:00 – 1:30 pm

CLASS 8:
NEHC Adult Amateur Medal Final, 18 – 21

Course Walk . . . . . 1:30 – 2:00 pm
Round 1 & 2 . . . . . 2:00 – 3:30 pm
(2nd round rider must wait for scores to be on scoreboard)

* *Groom Award (winning horse)*
* *Adult High Point Rider Award*
* *Judge's Choice Award*
* *NEHC Adult Amateur Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Award*

CLASS 9:
Jumping Warm-Up for Junior Showing Riders

Order of Go Sign Up *(at show office)* . . . . . 12:00 pm

Jumping Warm-Up . . . . . after Class 8 & Awards

*** ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE ***

There will be no riding in the arena after the last class of each day except for junior showing riders on Thursday.

Friday, October 16

Basic Life Support Class . . . . . 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
includes AED and CPR training (near show office)

CLASS 10:
Open Equitation, 15 – 17

Course Walk *(15-17 riders only)* . . . . . 7:15 – 7:45 am
Section A . . . . . 8:00 – 9:00 am
Section B . . . . . 9:15 – 10:15 am
Section C . . . . . 10:30 – 11:30 am
Section D . . . . . 11:45 am – 12:45 pm
Section E . . . . . 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Official Jog for IHSA/USHJA Hunter Seat Medal Finals
(indoor off Barn C) . . . . . *(approx)* 9:00 – 11:00 am

Written Exam *(Coliseum)* . . . . . 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

CLASS 11:
Open Equitation, 14 & Under

Course Walk *(14 & under only)*. . . . . 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Section A . . . . . 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Section B . . . . . 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Section C . . . . . 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Junior Celebration

Cocktails . . . . . *(approx)* 5:30 pm
Dinner . . . . . *(approx)* 6:15 pm
Horsemanship Test Results. . . . . after dinner

Saturday, October 17

CLASS 13:
Junior Horsemanship Competition

Practicum. . . . . 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

CLASS 14:
IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

Course Walk, Top 25 . . . . . 7:00 – 7:15 am
Course Walk, Remainder . . . . . 7:15 – 7:45 am

Round 1 . . . . . 8:00 am
(entering at trainer's discretion, before or after score)

Round 2, *(call back minimum of 25 riders if available)*

Test & Awards *(call back top four for further testing)*

* *Groom Award (winning horse)*
* *Joe Medico Grant Awards*
* *NEHC Scholarship Award*
* *NEEC Joanne C. Corsiglia Scholarship Award*
* *Nicholas Award*

Immediately following awards, First, Second and Third place riders will have a press conference.

CLASS 15:
Challenge of the States

Sponsored Pizza Party & Trainer Lunch
Costume Change, Parade & Course Walk
Individual & Team Competition Awards

Sunday, October 18

CLASS 16:
NEHC Junior Medal Final

Course Walk, Top 25 . . . . . 6:15 – 6:25 am
Course Walk, 1st half of class . . . . . 6:25 – 6:45 am
Course Walk, 2nd half of class . . . after 1st half competes

(must wear Sunday's number)

Round 1 . . . . . 7:00 am – 2:30 pm
(entering at trainer's discretion, before or after score)
There will be a drag after approximately every 40 trips.

Silent Auction Closing, Winners Announced

Awards Presentation. . . . . between Rounds 1&2, before Round 2 walk

* *The Jimmy Wallace Groom's Award in memory of Vanessa Lencewicz*
* *Mason Phelps Grant Award*
* *Junior High Point Rider Award*
* *Judge's Choice Award*
* *Challenge Cup Award, Class 12*
* *Junior Sportsmanship Award*
* *Katie Battison Horsemanship Award*
* *Cookie DeSimone Horsemanship Trainer Award*

Round 2 . . . . . 3:30 – 4:30 pm
(must wait for score on scoreboard)

Tests & Awards. . . . . 4:30 – 5:00 pm

* *NEHC Junior Medal Finals Champion Trophy (winning rider)*
* *Norman Hall & Eileen Finnell Memorial Challenge Trophies (trainer(s) of winning rider)*
* *Groom Award (winning horse)*

Immediately following awards, First, Second and Third place riders will have a press conference.

ATTENTION!

PER EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION (ESE):

- **NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE COLISEUM. LEASHES MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES ON ESE PROPERTY. $500 FINE IF MORE THAN ONE WARNING ISSUED.**
- **RECREATIONAL ELECTRONIC SCOOTERS ARE PROHIBITED ON ESE PROPERTY.**
- **NO SIGNAGE MAY BE AFFIXED TO ANY ESE DOORS OR WALLS.**
- **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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There will be no riding in the arena after the last class of each day.

NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

NUMERICAL SCORING SYSTEM

Each judge will grade every round by giving a numerical score. This score reflects the judge's opinion of the round and its relative merits compared with the previous rounds. Whether a fault should be considered a minor or major fault can depend on the context of the situation during which it occurred as well as the number of times it occurred. The table on the opposite page is meant to be a guideline, not necessarily "written in stone." Portions are included directly from the USEF Rulebook.

Some Scores Have Become Standardized:

40 – First refusal
50 – An added stride in a combination
50 – Lost stirrup or rein
55 – Trotting on course when not part of a test

Some Scores Are More of a Range:

90's – Classic position and excellent style; Correct execution of the course

80's – Good position and style with some minor faults in the execution of the course

70's – Fair position, some lack of style or multiple minor faults

60's – Poor position or style or major faults on course

Knockdowns:

In a hunter class, where the horse is primarily being judged, the standard score for a knockdown is 45.

In an equitation class however, since it is the rider who is primarily being judged, the round is first judged on its merits and then given a four-point deduction for the knockdown.

For Example:

Rider A has a good position and style, has some minor faults on course and the horse rubs a jump and the rail falls. The judges feel the round deserves an 83, they then deduct 4 points for the knockdown and the final score is 79.

Rider B has a fair position, multiple minor faults on course, misses a distance and has a knockdown. The judges give this rider a 68, they then deduct 4 points for the knockdown and the final score is 64.

About the Scoring System

The panel will consist of six judges grouped in pairs. Each pair will enter a numerical score into a computer terminal at their station. When the last pair has hit "ENTER," the scores will appear on the scoreboard. The scoreboard instantly displays (from left to right) the judges names, the score for that round, and where that score stands on that judge's card. The cumulative average is listed at the bottom of the board.

Rounds one and two are of equal value, and both scores will be added together for the "cumulative score." If there is further testing, based on the overall standings, each pair of judges will score their card as if judging a medal test. Riders may be moved up or down on the card based on their cumulative score, as well as their performance on the test. When the testing is complete, each pair of judges will submit their results to the scorer.

Values will be entered into the computer based on the following point system:

1st place:	10 points	5th place:	1 point
2nd place:	6 points	6th place:	0.75 point
3rd place:	4 points	7th place:	0.50 point
4th place:	2 points	8th place:	0.25 point

Placing for those riders tested will be determined by total points. Ties for other than first place will be broken by cumulative average going into the test. First place ties will require an additional work off and each judge will have one vote for the winner. Total points will be revealed during the ribbon ceremony.

For NEHC Junior Finals only, if the difference between first and second place is three points or less the judges must test. If the difference is more than three points, testing is at the judges' discretion.

NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

TABLE OF COMMON FAULTS

	GOOD	MINOR FAULTS	MAJOR FAULTS	ELIMINATION
Legs	• Close contact • Secure • Proper angles • Ankles flexed inward • Heels down, ball of foot on iron	• Legs swinging • Stirrups long/short • Insufficient weight in stirrups • Too far in front/behind girth • Uneven stirrups • Stirrup leather twisted • Toe on stirrup	• Insecurity • Loss of contact with saddle/stirrup • Uncontrolled position and/or spurring • Loss of stirrup	
Seat	• Supple, balanced • Close contact when called for • Proper hip angle for each gait • Effectiveness	• Ahead of or behind motion • Off-center • Rigidity, stiffness • Excessively rounded/ swayed back	• Loss of contact when needed • Loss of proper rhythm • Excessive motion	
Hands	• Hands over/in front of withers • Angles 30-45° inside vertical, slightly apart • Straight line from horse's mouth to riders elbow • Quiet, light, elastic, with compassion for the horse • Follow horse's mouth in the air • Demonstrate proper head carriage	• Improper positioning • Rigidity • Too light/loose rein • Fall on hands • Improper or no release	• Roughness • Catching horse in mouth • Loss of/dropping reins	
Control	• Maintaining horse in good form • Demonstrating harmonious blending even, rhythmic gaits, impulsion, balance and flexion	• Fussing, head tossing • Gapping of mouth • Uneven gaits • Improper flexion (over flexed or above bit)	• Break of gaits • Incorrect lead or diagonal • Bolting • Trotting on course when not part of test	
Overall Appearance	• Secure, solid position demonstrating proper angles • Even pace • Flying changes • Connection – flexion and bending • Proper number of strides • Riding "out of hand"	• Fall on hands, opening too soon, leaning forward, swinging • Cross-cantering/wrong lead a few steps • Acceptable distance errors • Late changes • Weak/no release • Ducking/eyes down • Legs flying forward/back • Unacceptable distance errors • Sliding on saddle • Posting to the canter	• Unsafe fence • Adding strides in a combination • Weaving between fences • Loss of stirrup or rein • Breaking gait • Ahead of/beind motion	• Fall of horse or rider • Three cumulative refusals • Off course
Attire	• Workmanlike appearance • Horse clean, well-groomed, presented properly for show • Correct, clean, well fitted hunt clothes	• Ill-fitting clothes • Dirty boots, clothes	• Inappropriate attire (management or judge may eliminate rider)	• Lack of mandatory protective headgear (GR801)
Tack	• Clean, well fitted, in good repair	• Ill-fitting tack • Dirty tack • Judge may penalize horse with non-conventional types of bits or nosebands	• Judge may penalize horse with non-conventional types of bits or nosebands	• Martingale use on the flat in any class/phase (adding/removing between phases is not a change)

NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES & GENERAL INFORMATION

FIRE SAFETY: Please review the Fire Prevention Regulations of West Springfield (www.mass.gov/doc/ma-bldg-fire-dept-regulations/download) regarding set up materials, lighting/electrical, and all other fire safety rules.

SAFE SPORT STATEMENT: All USEF Life and Senior Active members, as well as participants who have regular contact with minor athletes, are required to comply with the U.S. Center for SafeSport training requirement to be eligible to participate in the competition. All participants must adhere to the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, USEF Safe Sport Policy, and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies. More information about these can be found at www.usef.org/safe-sport.

PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR: All exhibitors are required to wear properly fitted protective headgear while riding on the competition grounds. Except as may otherwise be mandated by local law, anyone riding in Hunter Jumper and Hunter Seat Equitation sections must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current applicable ASTM/SEI standards with harness secured while riding any where on the competition grounds. It is the responsibility of the rider, or the parent, guardian or trainer of the junior exhibitor, to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards and is properly fitted and in good condition USEF the Show Committee and Licensed Officials are not responsible for checking headgear worn for such compliance.

HORSE REQUIREMENTS: All horses must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate) dated within 30 days prior to show. Horses from the same farm can all be listed on the same Health Certificate. All horses must be vaccinated from equine influenza and EHV within six months of the show, and have a negative Coggins within 12 months of the show.

RULES & REGULATIONS: GR839, welfare of the horse will be strictly enforced. The Horse Show Committee reserves the right to itself to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to arising out of, or incident to the show without claims for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the Horse Show Management; its decision to be final. In the event that NEEC is canceled or shut down prior to the start of the competition due to the occurrence of any circumstance beyond the control of the NEEC – such as an act of God, war, terrorism, government regulations, natural disaster, strikes, civil disorder, or curtailment of large gatherings by applicable governmental order or guidance or by the USEF/USHJA – to the extent that such circumstance makes it illegal or impossible for the NEEC to run a USEF-sanctioned competition, entry fees paid shall be refunded less the $100 processing fee.

STABLING: Horses are allowed on the grounds Monday, October 12, 2026 at 12:00 pm and must leave on Sunday, October 18, 2026 within two hours of the end of the NEHC Medal Finals class. All stabling is permanent with doors. Stalls range from 8' x 12' to 9.5' x 12' and have an asphalt base. Stalls must be paid for in advance by September 15, 2026 and are non-refundable if scratch.

FEED & BEDDING: Hay, grain and bedding will be available daily on the grounds through Saturday. Orders can be made online through Stablemaster (Stallinfo.net).

SHARPS, MEDICAL WASTE & STALL MATS: sharps and medical waste must be placed in proper receptacles. Anyone in violation shall be subject to a fine or other penalties deemed necessary by show management. There will be a $500 fine for any sharps or medical waste found in any stalls. A disposal fee will be charged for stall mats left behind.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS: Adhere to USEF and CDC guidelines.

CLASSES: Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current USEF rule book will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.

ENTRIES: Entries must be received by September 15, 2026. Late entries are accepted with a $100 post entry fee, with the exception of late qualifiers. Show management reserves the right to further cancel, combine or divide classes when deemed necessary to facilitate the smooth running of the show. No refunds will be given. Non-showing horses on grounds must have an entry blank on file.

JUDGING: There will be six judges scoring each round. When the last judge presses the "enter" button, all scores appear on the board. The board instantly gives the "round average," the "cumulative average" indicating all rounds up to that point and a "rank" or placing up to that point.

COLISEUM: Dimensions are 100' x 200'. Footing is well-groomed, all-purpose footing in Coliseum and warm-up areas. Any riders in the main show ring while the ring is officially closed will be automatically eliminated. The Coliseum will be open for warm-ups on Tuesday for schooling over fences, and on Thursday evening for junior showing riders. Junior riders will be allowed one 70-second time slot per rider. Only one horse will be allowed in the ring at a time. Sign up Thursday afternoon in the Presentation area. NEEC reserves the right to have the area of the courtesy circle restricted, which will be marked on the course diagram. Each day's first courses will be posted on the New England Equitation website and Facebook page by 7:00 am each day.

WARM-UP RINGS & LUNGING AREAS: Memorial Avenue lunging area: 360' x 160'. Back lunging ring: 80' x 100'. Indoor schooling ring: 52' x 150'. Outdoor flatting only ring: 65' x 200'. Outdoor schooling ring: 240' x 150'. Covered ring 100' x 165'. $30 ring: 125' x 200'. Rules will be posted outside of each ring.

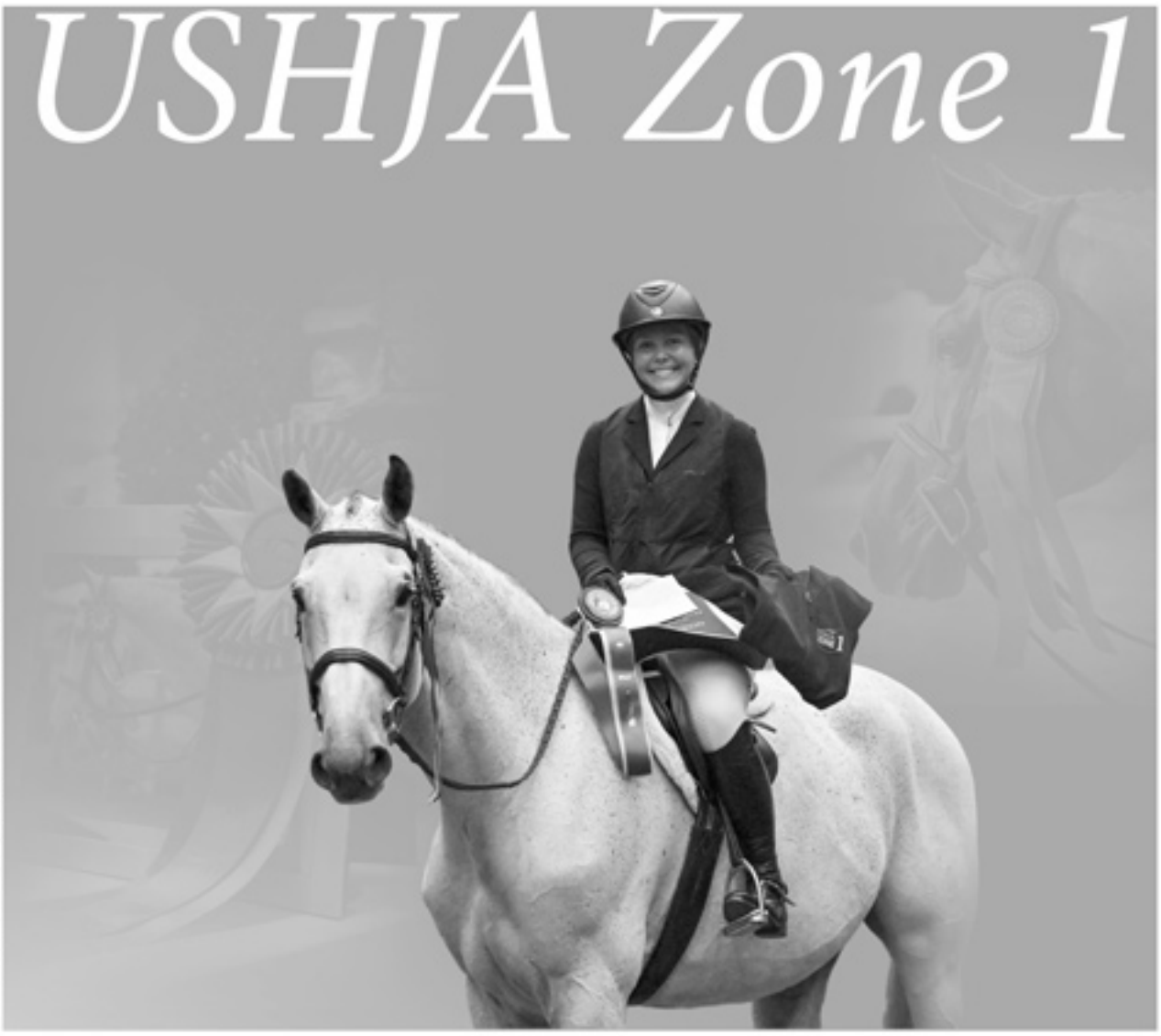
MOTORIZED VEHICLES: Minors who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the state in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles on the competition grounds of licensed competitions. Minors who have a valid temporary license may operate the above described motorized vehicles as long as they are accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), legal guardian(s), or individual who signs the entry blank as a parent or guardian of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s) and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the competition grounds for the remainder of the competition and charges being filed against any of the above individuals in accordance with Chapter 6. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt from this rule.

CAMPERS: No reservations needed. Pay Eastern States at the gate.

DOGS: Dogs must be on a leash or contained at all times and are the sole responsibility of the owner. Individuals must not lead dogs on a leash while mounted. Dogs must have proof of rabies vaccine. Loose dogs will be detained and their owners fined $250. Dogs are not allowed in the Coliseum.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: The nearest Hospital is Mercy Medical Center, at 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Approximately 3.5 miles from the horse show grounds.

USHJA Zone 1



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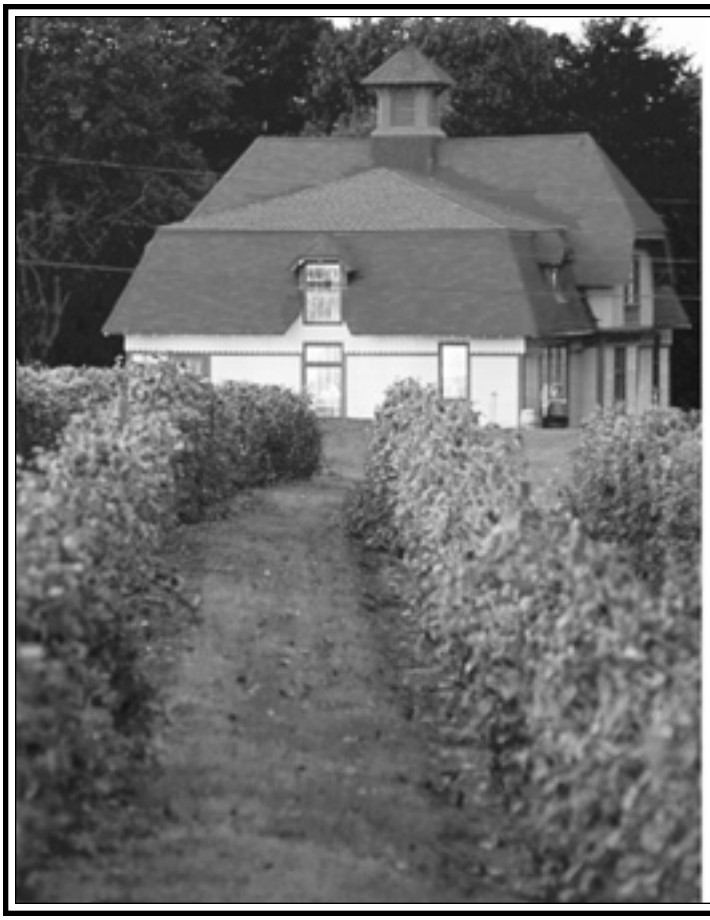
USHJA ZONE 1

UNITED STATES USHJA HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION

NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Where do I park?**
   Trailer parking map will be provided at arrival. Pick up passes in the show office to avoid paying.
2. **How do I find out where my stall is?**
   Locations are posted on StableMaster (stallinfo.net). A map is also posted in the stabling office next to the show office. Call Patti Harnois at 561-758-5362 or Noah Spiers at 845-217-9050 with questions.
3. **How do I order hay, grain, and/or shavings?**
   Through StableMaster (stallinfo.net).
4. **When is the Coliseum available to school?**
   (1) Tuesday 7:30 am – 5 pm. Sign up in show office starting Monday at 2 pm. 3 riders at a time. Posted course must be abide by. Any extra jumps will count as another trip. $30/trip, monitored by an official.
   (2) Thursday evening for showing junior riders only. One 70-second time slot assigned per rider. Junior riders with second horse (backup horse) will go at the end of the list. There will be an order of go.
5. **When is the side ring with course warm-up open?**
   Wednesday – Sunday: 1 hour before judging starts. Sunday it closes after the first round. Riders will get 5 minutes each, 2 to 3 at a time. Last number is at approximately 5 pm. Time is at the discretion of the Committee. Back numbers will be used to charge the $30 fee.
6. **What are the lunging rules?**
   Lunging rules are posted outside of each ring.
7. **When and where is the horsemanship exam?**
   Friday at the Coliseum between 9:30 am – 2 pm. Sign up for Class 13 on entry or in show office.
8. **When will Challenge of the States teams post?**
   Friday, October 16th on NEEC's social media.
9. **Are camper reservations needed?**
   No. Pay Eastern States at the gate when you arrive.
10. **How to get emergency horse transportation?**
    Call Gretchen Anderson at (603) 325-5771.



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OCTOBER 14TH

Class 1

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 46 & OVER

For adult amateurs who are 46 years of age or older. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3′0″.

Section A Sponsor: Copley Hill / Anthony DeSimone
Section B Sponsor: The Sardella Family

Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 2

THE NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINALS 46 & OVER

For NEHC adult amateur members who have qualified at an affiliated show after the first Sunday of October of the past show season, through midnight of the first Sunday of October of the current show season. A champion in this division may compete again five years after winning. This rule only applies to the 46 & Over Medal Final. All contestants will be required to perform over approximately ten fences set at a height from 2′9″ to 3′ with a combination and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. A minimum of 25% or the top ten riders, whichever is greater, from the first round will be required to return for the second round. Further testing will be at the discretion of the judges. USEF tests 1-23.

Sponsor: Paula Nicholas & Deirdre DePrisco

- ***Exhibitor Saddle Pads:*** *USHJA Zone 1*
- ***"First To Go" Gift:*** *Judy Goldthwait*
- ***Perpetual Memorial "Jack Damlos" Trophy:*** *Mrs. Patrick Rooney & Liz Rooney Prime*
- ***Ribbons:*** *The NEHC;* ***Flowers:*** *Cedar Brook Farm*
- ***Coolerette:*** *Boston Equine Associates*
- ***Top 10:*** *EquiFit Essential Hunter Pad, The Plaid Horse Tote*
- ***Top 3:*** *RubGuard Spur Protectors*
- ***Champion:*** *EquiFit Eq-Teq Boots, Veltri Backpack, R.J. Classics Show Coat, Helite Safety Vest, Evoke Helmet, Tech Stirrups, ACE Belt, CWD $250 GC*
- ***Champion / Reserve:*** *Essex Classics Show Shirt, Poulin Grain $250 GC, SmartPak $25 GC*
- ***$500 Trainer's Award (C):*** *Molly Fahner Calhoun*
- ***$300 Trainer's Award (R):*** *BK Imports*
- ***Groom Backpack (C):*** *SmartPak*

GROOM AWARD (WINNING HORSE)
OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
SUE BRAINARD AWARD

Class 3

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 28 – 45

For adult amateurs who have reached their 28th birthday, but have not reached their 46th birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3′0″.

Section A Sponsor: Ed Nowak
Section B Sponsor: Shea Horse Show Services

Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 4

THE NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINALS 28 – 45

See class description for Class 2.

Sponsor: Stargazer Hill Farm

- ***Exhibitor Saddle Pads:*** *USHJA Zone 1*
- ***"First To Go" Gift:*** *Judy Goldthwait*
- ***Perpetual Trophy:*** *Joanne Chope Cosiglia / Dr. Kate Chope*
- ***Ribbons:*** *The NEHC;* ***Flowers:*** *Windcrest Farm*
- ***Coolerette:*** *The Ramsey Haythorn Group*
- ***Top 10:*** *EquiFit Essential Hunter Pad, The Plaid Horse Tote*
- ***Top 3:*** *RubGuard Spur Protectors*
- ***Champion:*** *EquiFit Eq-Teq Boots, Veltri Backpack, R.J. Classics Show Coat, Helite Safety Vest, Evoke Helmet, Tech Stirrups, ACE Belt, CWD $250 GC*
- ***Champion / Reserve:*** *Essex Classics Show Shirt, Poulin Grain $250 GC, SmartPak $25 GC*
- ***$500 Trainer's Award (C):*** *Newbury Farm*
- ***$300 Trainer's Award (R):*** *BK Imports*
- ***Groom Backpack (C):*** *SmartPak*

GROOM AWARD (WINNING HORSE)



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NEHC ADULT AMATEUR 46 & OVER MEDAL FINALS

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Kate Nilan

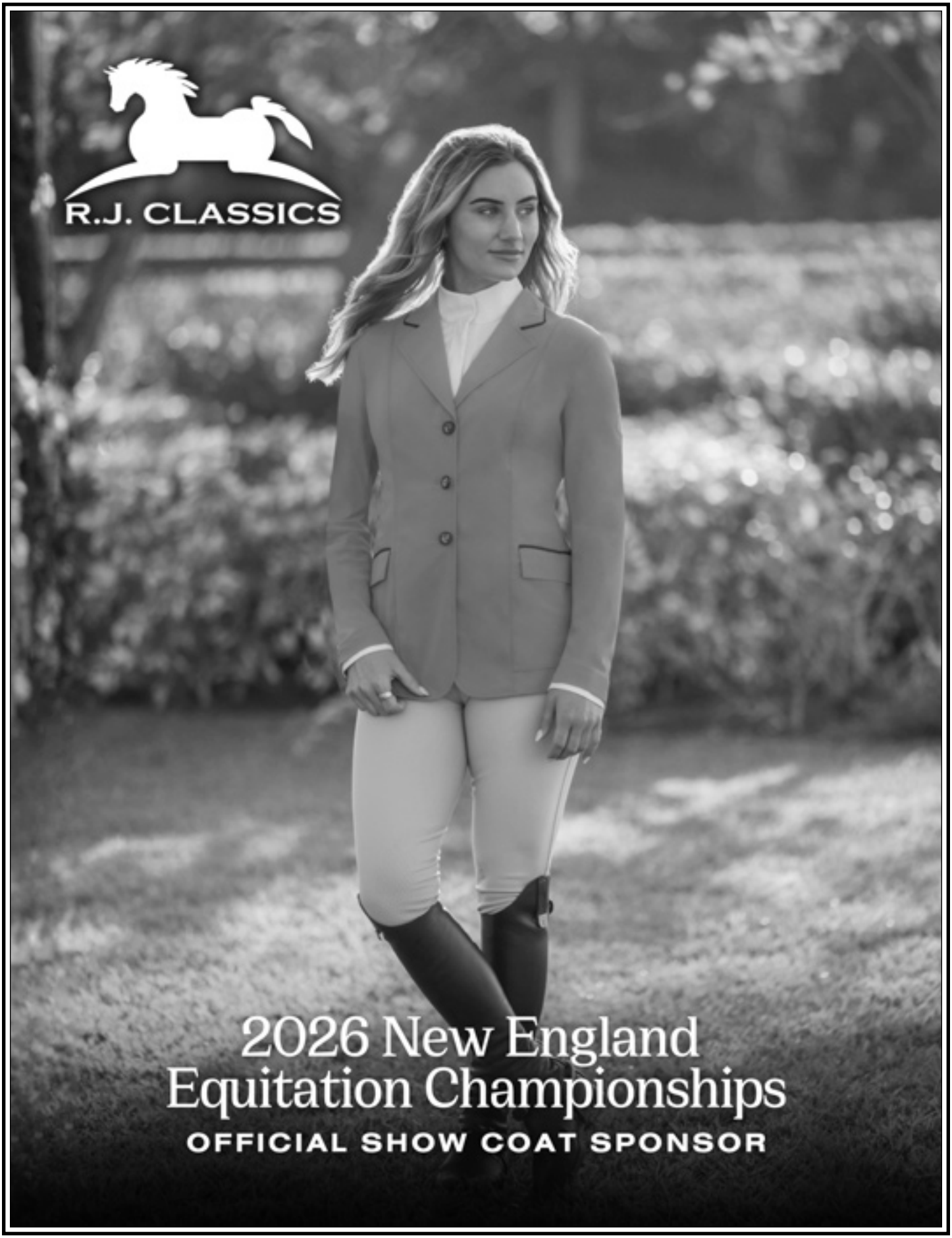
2025 Adult Amateur 46 & Over Medal Finals Champion
Trained by Tibri LLC

Reserve Champion: Allison Wikander, Trained by Keely Gambino

3rd	Suzanne Streeter	**5th**	Julie Garceau	**7th**	Christine Perrelli	**9th**	Paula Steinberg-Goodman
4th	Maryellen Sardella	**6th**	Abigail Violin	**8th**	Shana Johnson	**10th**	Melissa Welch

— JUDGES —

Hope Glynn • Mark Jungherr • Ken Krome • Walter "Jimmy" Lee • Tiffany Morrissey • Jack Towell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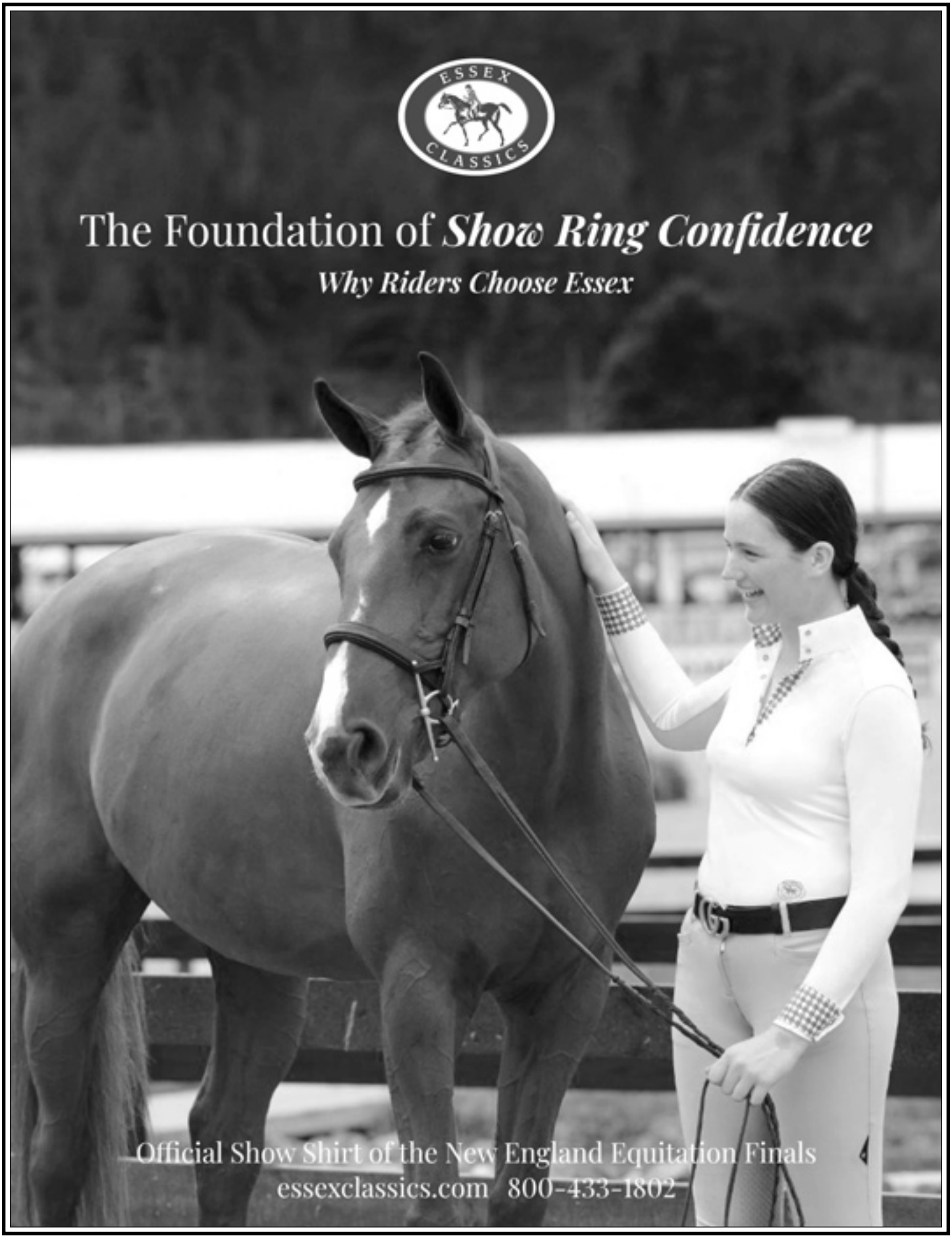
Danielle Edwardson

2025 Sue Brainard Award Recipient

Beginning in 1984 and ending in 1989 with a Junior Medal win by her daughter, Kristen Bumpus, Sue Brainard quickly became an important part of the New England Equitation Championships. Well-known for her horsemanship and sportsmanship, Sue returned year after year cheering on adults, juniors and even the horses from her favorite "spot" in the grandstand. Sue's dedication to kindness, knowledge and continued support of this very special Finals week served as an inspiration to many, including her daughter Kristen, who donated this award in memory of her mother.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024 Kathleen Hass Ogonowski
2023 Ellen Raidt
2022 Paula Nicholas
2021 Susan Kremenezky & Dominick Sylvestri
2020 Cyndi Mottolese
2019 Melissa Welch
2018 Kelley Small
2017 John Bahret
2016 Joan Violin
2015 Walter "Jimmy" Lee
2014 Mindy Hinsdale
2013 Jennifer Stiller
2012 Terry Gibbons
2011 Nicole Nichelmann
2010 Liz Moakley
2009 Ed Nowak
2008 Sean Rogers
2007 Karen Clark
2006 Liz Rooney
2005 Kate Chope & Joanne Chope Corsiglia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NEHC ADULT AMATEUR 28 TO 45 MEDAL FINALS

Sponsored by Stargazer Hill Farm



Leigh Gallager-Tricker

2025 Adult Amateur 28 to 45 Medal Finals Champion
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Reserve Champion: Hannah Koch, Trained by A. Farr

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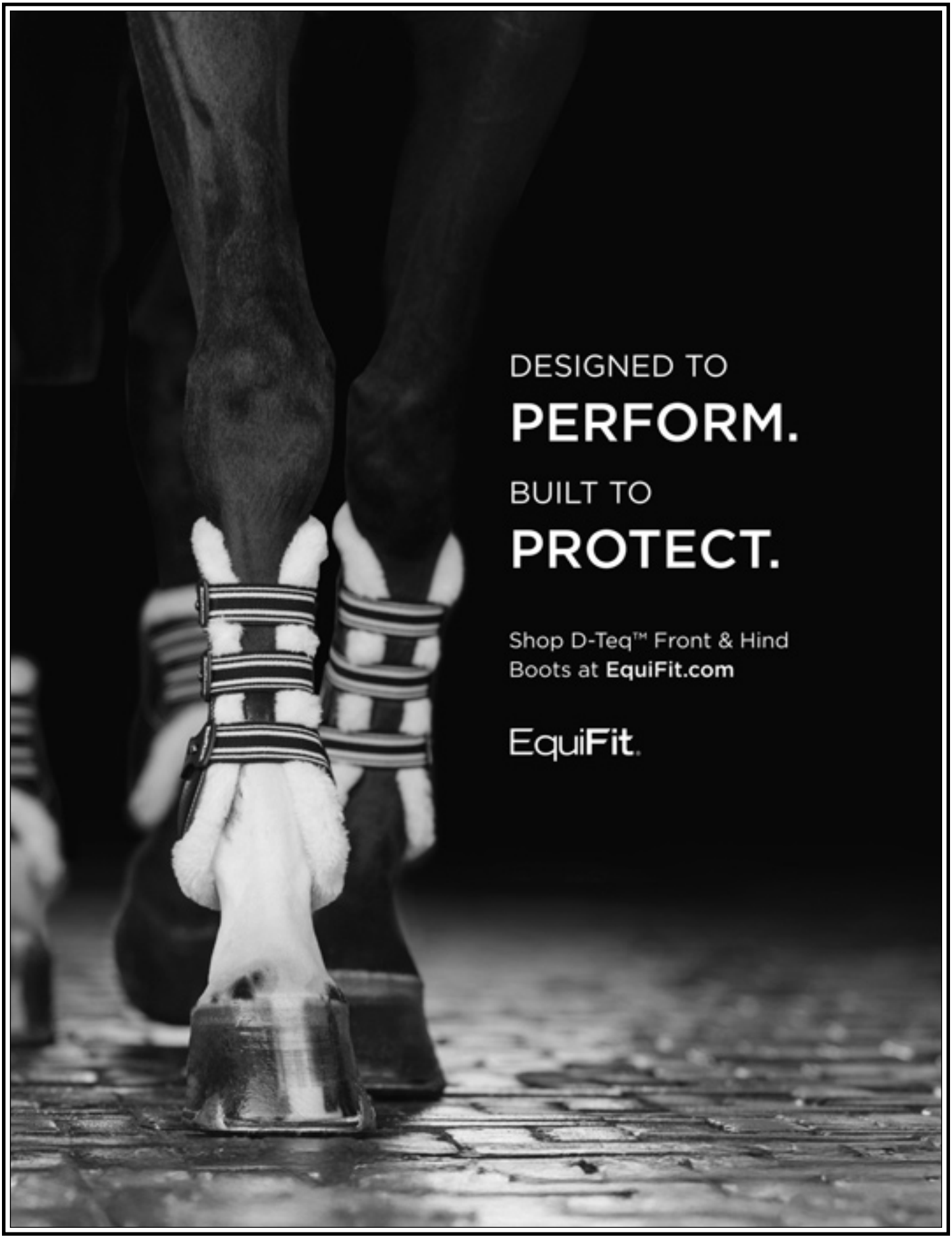
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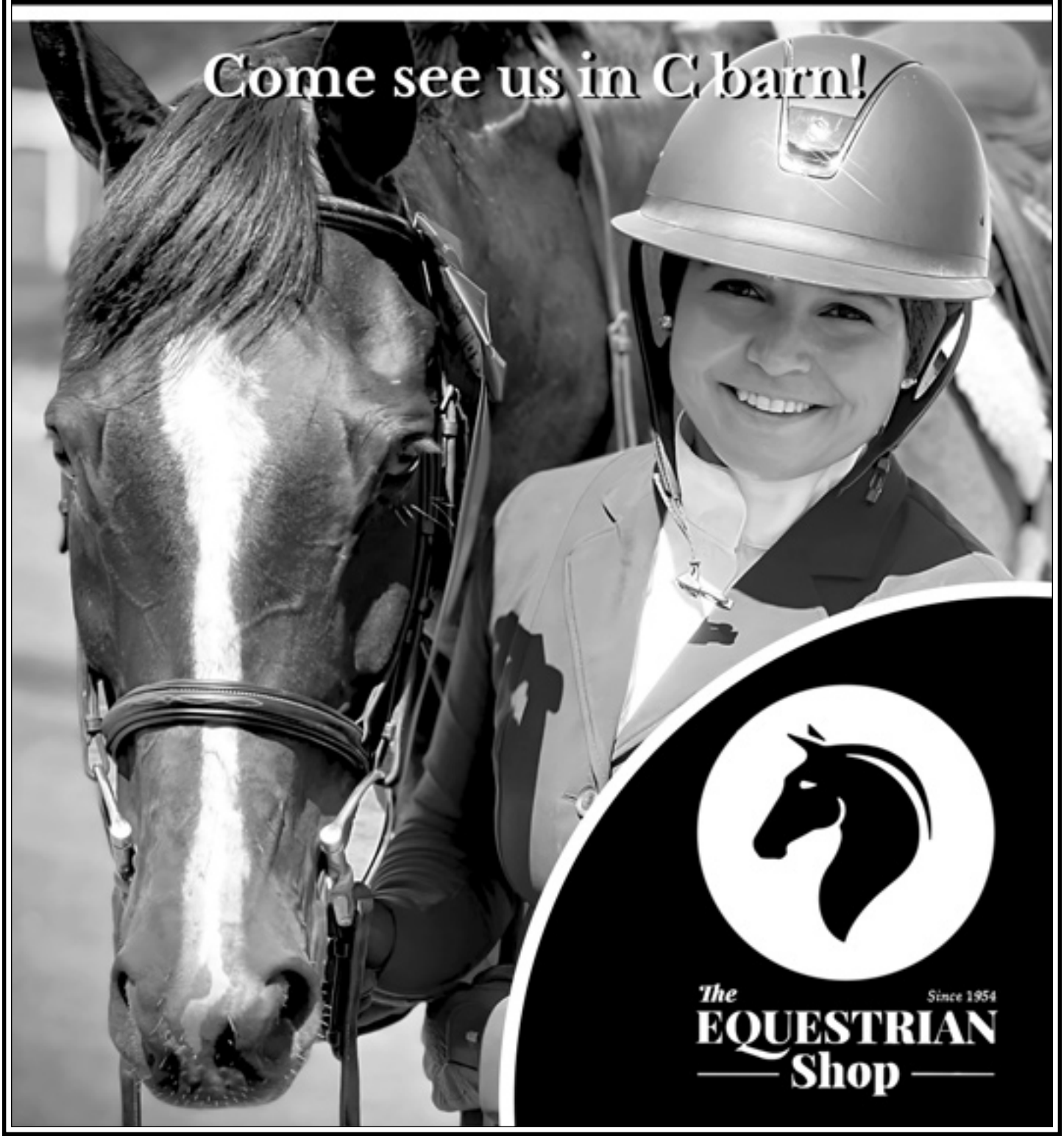

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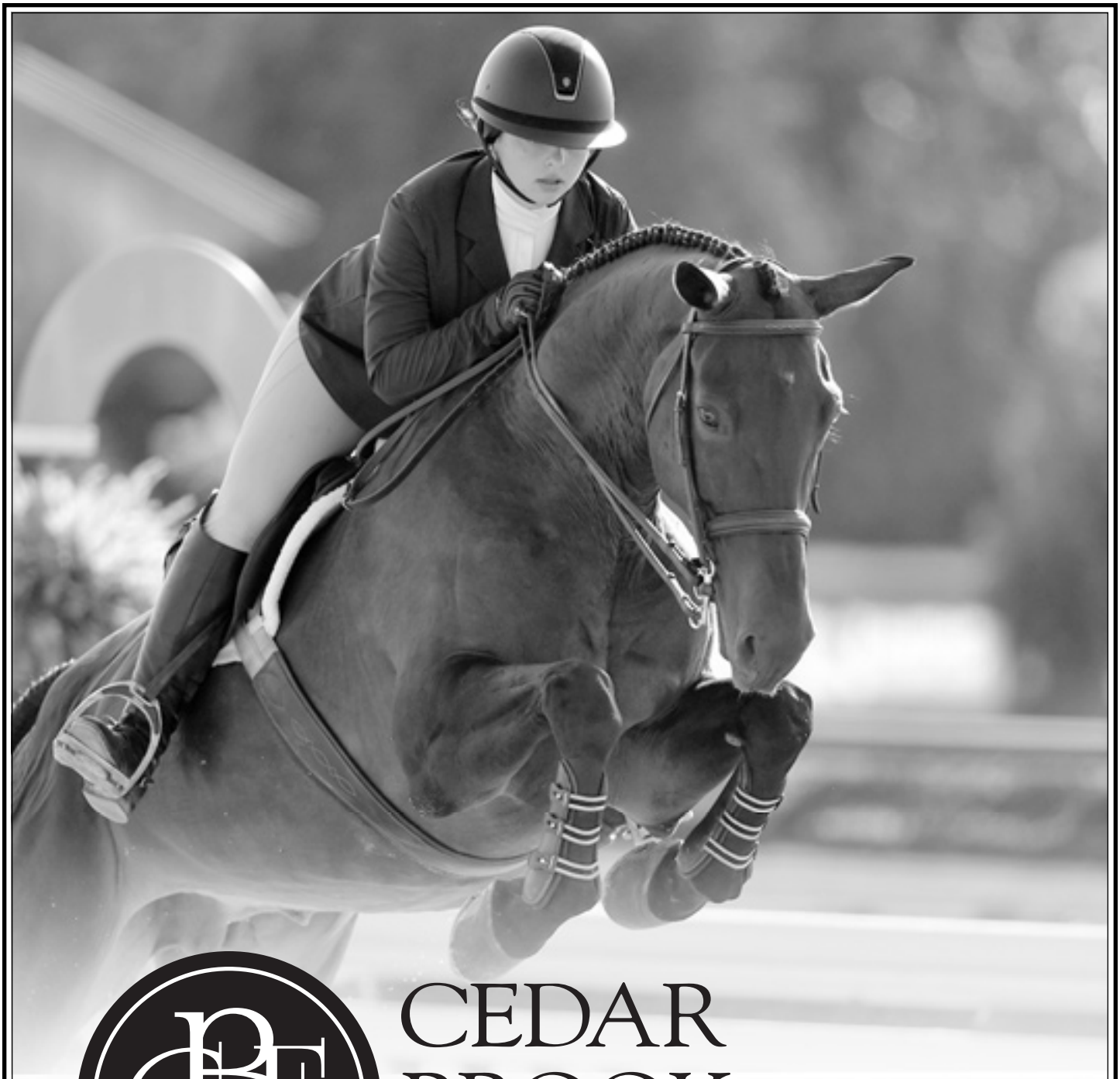

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Class 5

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Section A Sponsor: Cedar Brook Farm
Section B Sponsor: Well-A-Way Farm

Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 6

THE NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINAL 22 – 27

For NEHC adult amateur members who have qualified at an affiliated show after the first Sunday of October of the past show season, through midnight of the first Sunday of October of the current show season. All contestants will be required to perform over approximately ten fences set at a height from 2′9″ to 3′ with a combination and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. A minimum of 25% or the top ten riders, whichever is greater, from the first round will be required to return for the second round. Further testing will be at the discretion of the judges. USEF tests 1-23.

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- ***Exhibitor Saddle Pads:*** *USHJA Zone 1*
- ***"First To Go" Gift:*** *Judy Goldthwait*
- ***Perpetual Trophy:*** *In Honor of Bob Crawford*
- ***Ribbons:*** *The NEHC*
- ***Flowers:*** *Williamson BioPharma Consulting LLC*
- ***Coolerette:*** *Renee Kwok & Mei Kwok Molinari*
- ***Top 10:*** *EquiFit Essential Hunter Pad, The Plaid Horse Tote*
- ***Top 3:*** *RubGuard Spur Protectors*
- ***Champion:*** *EquiFit Eq-Teq Boots, Veltri Backpack, R.J. Classics Show Coat, Helite Safety Vest, Evoke Helmet, Tech Stirrups, ACE Belt, CWD $250 GC*
- ***Champion / Reserve:*** *Essex Classics Show Shirt, Poulin Grain $250 GC, SmartPak $25 GC*
- ***$500 Trainer's Award (C):*** *Newbury Farm*
- ***$300 Trainer's Award (R):*** *BK Imports*
- ***Groom Backpack (C):*** *SmartPak*

GROOM AWARD (WINNING HORSE)
YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
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Class 7

OPEN ADULT AMATEUR EQUITATION 18 – 21

For adult amateurs who have reached their 18th birthday, but have not reached their 22nd birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3′0″.

Section A Sponsor: Equity Performance Equine Northeast
Section B Sponsor: Arrowhead Farm

Trophy and Ten Ribbons

Class 8

THE NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL ADULT AMATEUR MEDAL FINALS 18 – 21

See description for Class 6.

Sponsor: The Cash Family

- ***Exhibitor Saddle Pads:*** *USHJA Zone 1*
- ***"First To Go" Gift:*** *Judy Goldthwait*
- ***Perpetual "Smart As" Trophy:*** *In Honor of Joanne Chope Corsiglia*
- ***Ribbons:*** *The NEHC;* ***Flowers:*** *The Russomanno Family*
- ***Coolerette:*** *The Sardella Family*
- ***Top 10:*** *EquiFit Essential Hunter Pad, The Plaid Horse Tote*
- ***Top 3:*** *RubGuard Spur Protectors*
- ***Champion:*** *EquiFit Eq-Teq Boots, Veltri Backpack, R.J. Classics Show Coat, Helite Safety Vest, Evoke Helmet, Tech Stirrups, ACE Belt, CWD $250 GC*
- ***Champion / Reserve:*** *Essex Classics Show Shirt, Poulin Grain $250 GC, SmartPak $25 GC*
- ***$500 Trainer's Award (C):*** *Leigh Gallagher Tricker*
- ***$300 Trainer's Award (R):*** *BK Imports*
- ***Groom Backpack (C):*** *SmartPak*

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Class 9

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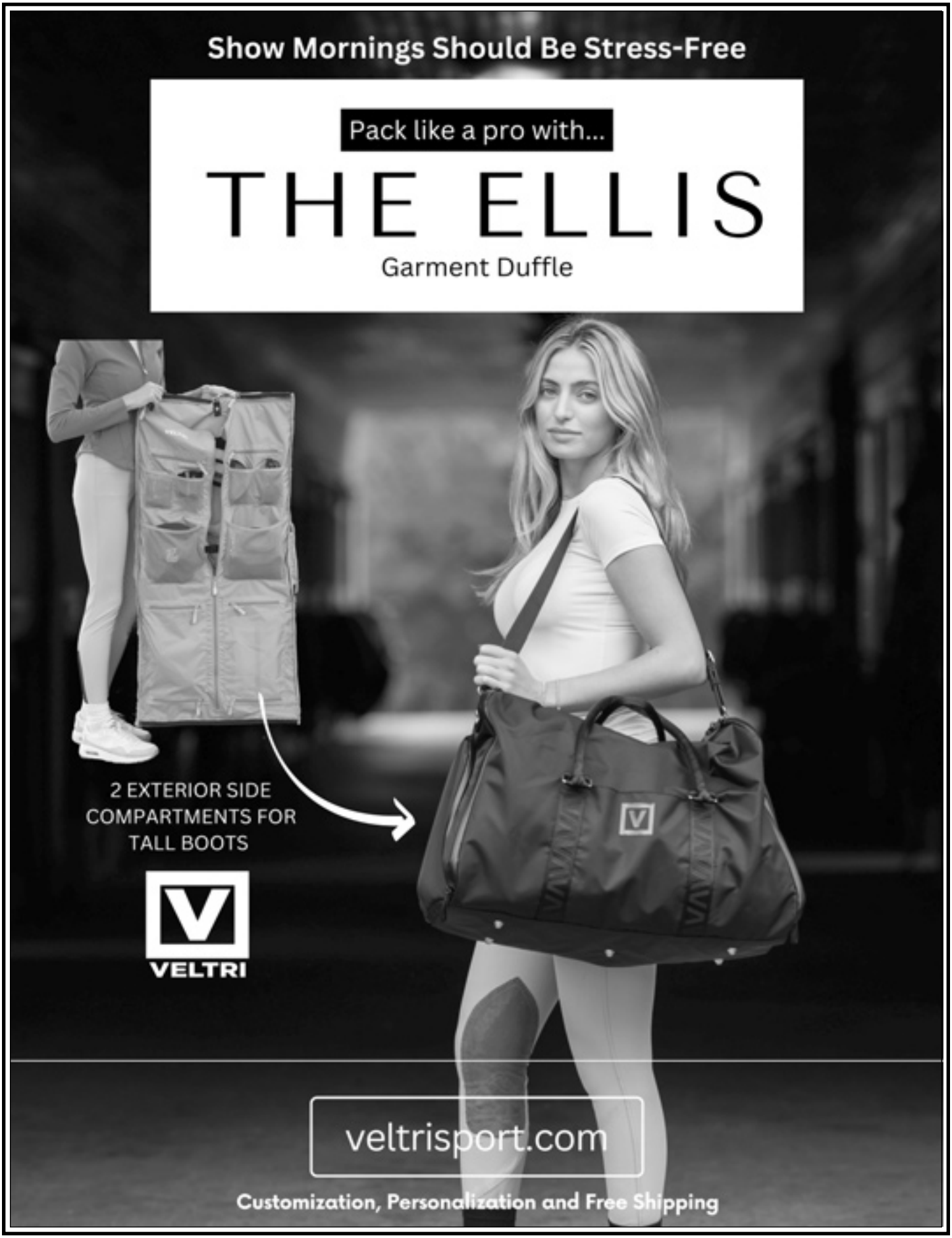
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4th	Abigail Zuckerman	**6th**	Aundrea Lagana	**8th**	Caitlin Geary	**10th**	Devyn Marie Looney

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2022 O: Julie Hogan
Y: Meredith Combs

2021 O: Jessica Snider Wilson
Y: Abigail Hopkins

2020 O: Jessica Roberts
Y: Rosemary Mulholland

2019 O: Jennifer Wall
Y: Elizabeth Kenny

2018 O: Wynatte Chu
Y: Lindsey Davitt

2017 O: Anne Keesler
Y: Jackie Arakelian

2016 O: Steven Violin
Y: Rebekah Chenelle & Rebecca Zimble

2015 O: Karen Salon
Y: Hayley Anderson

2014 O: Cindi Boudreau
Y: Alexa Bayko

2013 O: Kim Miller
Y: Garith Benshoff

2012 Nikki Stamin & Melissa Welch

2011 Amanda Groher

2010 Kristin Amichetti & Tobi Stall

2009 Cynthia Stiglitz

2008 Jackie O'Connell

2007 Elysse Ruschmeyer

2006 Mary Davis & Genna Ruschmeyer

2005 Annie Connolly

2004 Marie McCoole

2003 Deirdre Catani

2002 Sean Rogers

2001 Nicole Simkins & Leslie Prinz

2000 Karen Clark & Sally Violin

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This grant provides financial assistance to one NEHC adult medal qualifier for: (A) entries and one stall and (B) a stipend to cover horse transportation and other expenses to compete in the NEHC Championships. Riders qualified to compete in the NEHC Championships must apply online at newenglandequitation.com by September 1st. After thorough review, the Adult Grant Committee will award a rider based upon the required essay. Riders must compete in the finals to be eligible. Riders who receive the grant cannot apply in future years, but junior winners may apply as an adult.

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— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	John Bahret
2023	Robin Peterson
2022	Patricia Harnois & Olana Laffey
2021	Jerry Kenney
2020	Gary Saccoccia Sr.
2019	Mark Jungherr
2018	Cookie DeSimone
2017	Brian Flynn
2016	Ray Francis
2015	Mason Phelps
2014	Timmy Kees
2013	Richard Ulrich
2012	Kip Rosenthal
2011	Mitch & Cathy Steege
2010	Carl Catani
2009	Pam Hunt & Jay Sargent
2008	Fran Dotoli
2007	Carol Molony
2006	Gerry Briggs
2005	Walter "Jimmy" Lee
2004	Fred Hunt
2003	Beverly Vars
2002	Joe Lombard
2001	Bob Crawford & Joe Dotoli
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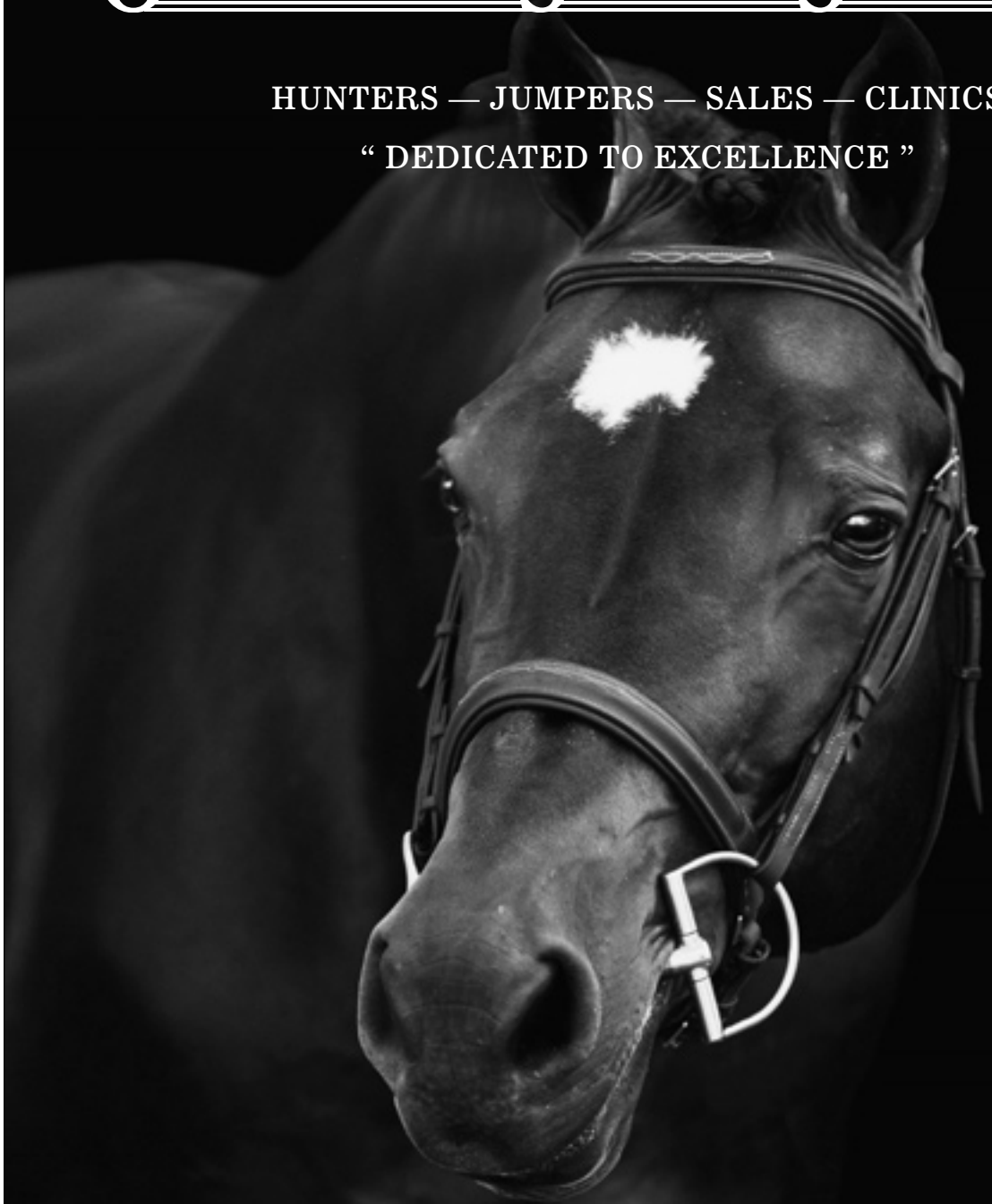

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From 2017 forward has four age sections:
Y: 18-21, YM: 22-27, OM: 28-45, O: 46 & over

2025 J: Ken Krome, Jimmy Lee, Mark Jungherr, Tiffany Morrissey, Hope Glynn, Jack Towell
Y C: Lindsay Swedenburg, T: Holly Fill Farm
R: Daniela Carvajal, T: Lindsey Knight
YM C: Ella Bostwick, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Jessica Oswald, T: Armand Chenelle
OM C: Leigh Gallagher-Tricker, T: Tibri LLC
R: Hannah Koch, T: A. Farr
O C: Kate Nilan, T: Tibri LLC
R: Allison Wikander, T: Keely Gambino

2024 J: Scott Alder, Abby Blankenship, Robin Swinderman Mitchell, Tammy Provost, Ken Smith, David Wilbur
Y C: Madison Olvert, T: Holly Fill Farm
R: Nicholas Lopes, T: Holly Fill Farm
YM C: Madeline Blake, T: Gretchen & Hayley Anderson
R: Lila Ouellette, T: Johanna Hyyppa
OM C: Sara Wytrzes, T: Grazing Fields Farm
R: Julie Hogan, T: Kim Ferro, Linda Evans
O C: Molly Calhoun, T: Heritage Farm
R: Julianne Calder, T: Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters

2023 J: Virginia Edwards, Rachel Kennedy, Ken Krome, Jimmy Lee, Britt McCormick, James Waldman
Y C: Janet Hedges, T: Linda Langmeier
R: Gianna Palombo, T: Monty Kelly
YM C: Meagan Costa, T: Wendy Brayman
R: Melissa Dander, T: Brooke Farr
OM C: Mariel Saccucci, T: Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters
R: Julie Hogan, T: Kim Ferro, Linda Evans
O C: Jennifer Wall, T: David Oliynyk
R: Melissa Welch, T: Jennifer Burke

2022 J: Otis Brown, Cynthia Hankins, Ken Krome, Robin Rost Brown, Jimmy Toon, Katrina Weinig
Y C: Emily Gilbert, T: Cory Hardy
R: Ashley Shaw, T: Phyllis Cervelli
YM C: Miela Gross, T: Holly Hill Farm, Patricia Harnois
R: Grace Jackson, T: Kathy Fletcher
OM C: Elizabeth Kenny, T: Dana Hall, Carly Corbacho
R: Mariel Saccucci, T: Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters
O C: Mary Beth McGee, T: David Oliynyk
R: Sarah Cabot, T: Dyanna Rucco

2021 J: Scott Alder, Jennifer Bliss, Gary Duffy, Ellen Raidt, Danny Robertshaw, William Sparks
Y C: Taylor Madden, T: Jennifer & Frank Madden
R: Lila Ouellette, T: Johanna Hyyppa
YM C: Nikki Diamantis, T: Ronnie Anderson
R: Miela Gross, T: Patricia Harnois, Holly Hill Farm
OM C: Wynatte Chu, T: Jenny Martin Rudaz
R: Leigh Gallagher, T: Aster Pieters, Annie Dotoli
O C: Christina Marchand, T: Dyanna Rucco
R: Bruce Thalman, T: Shachine Belle

2020 J: Tammy Provost, David Wilbur
Y C: Jessica Oswald, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
R: Abigail Hopkins, T: Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters
YM C: Lauren Henry, T: Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters
R: Alexa Bayko, T: Monica Hunt
OM C: Jillian MacLean, T: Jennifer & DJ Volandre
R: Julie Hogan, T: Kim Ferro, Linda Evans
O C: Robin Harkins, T: Jay Sargent
R: Mary Davis, T: Holly Hill Farm

2019 J: Linda Andrisani, Ralph Caristo, Todd Karn, Jimmy Lee, Patrick Rodes, Sissy Wickes
Y C: Clara Bechtold, T: Kristi Smith
R: Emily Gilbert, T: Cory Hardy
YM C: Alexandra Carlton, T: Kristi Smith
R: Elizabeth Chenelle, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
OM C: Caroline Lavin, T: River Wind Farm
R: Julie Hogan, T: Kim Ferro, Linda Evans
O C: Michele Foote, T: Gretchen Anderson
R: Sherrill Woessner, T: Sarah Weaver

2018 J: Jean Marie Dunford-Miller, Jenny Fischer, Lynn Forgione, Hope Glynn, Ken Krome, Brian Lenehan
Y C: Emelie Burgess, T: Ronnie Anderson
R: Clara Bechtold, T: Kristi Smith
YM C: Melissa Groher, T: Linda Langmeier
R: Hannah Brown, T: Brooke Farr
OM C: Jennifer Walters, T: Linda Langmeier
R: Caroline Lavin, T: River Wind Farm
O C: Jeanine Cash, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Sarah Cabot, T: Dyanna Rucco

2017 J: Chance Arakelian, Tom Brennan, Otis Brown, Brian Flynn, Patrick Rodes, Robin Ann Rost
Y C: Rhian Murphy, T: Beacon Hill
R: Rebekah Chenelle, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
YM C: Allison Joyce, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Hannah Brown, T: Brooke Farr
OM C: Elysee Ruschmeyer, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
R: Melissa Pelton, T: Linda Langmeier
O C: Brenda Tananbaum, T: Jenny Martin Rudaz
R: Jennifer Seidel, T: Elizabeth Pandich

2016 has three age sections:
Y: 18-23, M: 24-45, O: 46 & over

2016 J: Mary Babick, Otis Brown, Diane Carney, Stephen Heinecke, Ken Krome, Betty Oare
Y C: Haleigh Landrigan, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince, Alixe Schwartz, Shachine Belle
R: Emma Schauder, T: Country Lane Farm
M C: Natalie Hartley, T: Mark DeBlasio
R: Melissa Groher, T: Linda Langmeier
O C: Haruko Banks, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Anne Keesler, T: Joyce Mersereau

2013 – 2015 has three age sections:
Y: 18-22, M: 23-45, O: 46 & over

2015 J: Linda Andrisani, Jimmy Lee, Ellen Raidt, Danny Robertshaw, Ken Smith, Chrystine Jones Tauber
Y C: Lauren Henry, T: Aster Pieters, Annie Dotoli
R: Emma Schauder, T: Country Lane Farm
M C: Devon Poeta, T: Aster Pieters, Annie Dotoli
R: Christina Marchand, T: Dyanna Rucco
O C: Tracy Hart, T: Country Lane Farm
R: Maryellen Sardella, T: Monica Hunt

2014 J: Patrick Boyle, Jenny Fischer, R. Scott Fitton, Scott Hofstetter, Patrick Rodes, Julie Winkel
Y C: Abby Bertelson, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince
R: Alexandra Carlton, T: Kristi Smith
M C: Mariel Saccucci, T: Aster Pieters, Annie Dotoli
R: Sophia Allen, T: Aster Pieters, Annie Dotoli
O C: Mindy Whiteman, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Robin Harkins, T: Jay Sargent

2013 J: Hope Glynn, Jimmy Lee, Brian Lenehan, Street Moore, Melanie Smith-Taylor, Geoff Teall
Y C: Kelly Lively, T: David Oliynyk
R: Melissa Groher, T: Linda Langmeier
M C: Kristina Lyons-Kwon, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Elysse Ruschmeyer, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
O C: Laura Kadane, T: Olana Laffey
R: Robin Harkins, T: Jay Sargent

2009 – 2012 has three age sections:
Y: 18-22, M: 23-40, O: 41 & over

2012 J: Otis Brown, Bill Ellis, Rob Gage, Keith Hastings, Mike Rosser, Richard Slocum
Y C: Colin Quinlan, T: Shachine Belle
R: Emma Johnson, T: self
M C: Gwen Goodwin, T: Gretchen Anderson
R: Steven Violin, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince
O C: Amy Cooper, T: Kristy McCormack
R: Michelle Fallon, T: Mark DeBlasio

2011 J: Scott Alder, Rob Bielefeld, Joe Darby, Jeanne Marie Miller, Steve Wall, Jim Zulia
Y C: Samantha Smith, T: Shachine Belle
R: Amanda Groher, T: Linda Langmeier
M C: Julia Gildea, T: Patti Harnois, Holly Hill Farm
R: Wynatte Chu, T: Fairfield Hunt Club
O C: Meredith Lipke, T: Kristy McCormack
R: Sean Rogers, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince

2010 J: Linda Andrisani, Ken Krome, Leo Conroy, Peter Lombardo, Ellen Raidt, Danny Robertshaw
Y C: Mariel Saccucci, T: Amy Eidson
R: Amanda Groher, T: Linda Langmeier
M C: Kara Delaurentis, T: Jennifer Hinman
R: Nicole Nichelmann, T: Olana Laffey
O C: Jenny Schwartz, T: Kristen Abbatiello-Neff
R: Amy Cooper, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince

2009 J: Robert Crandall, Mindy Darst, Jimmy Lee, Randy Roy, Chrystine Tauber, Andrea Wells
Y C: Kelsey Landrigan, T: River Wind Farm
R: Johanna Hyyppa, T: Linda Langmeier
M C: Ellie Knight, T: Linda Langmeier
R: Anna Llyoyd, T: Bibby Farmer-Hill
O C: Wendy Wood, T: Kristi Smith
R: Amy Cooper, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince

2008 has three age sections:
Y: 18-22, M: 23-35, O: 36 & over

2008 J: Bill Ellis, Scott Hoffsetter, Brian Lenehan, Don Stewart, Scott Williamson, Julie Winkel
Y C: JoJo Gutfarb, T: Kristen Bumpus
R: Devon Poeta, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
M C: Deirdre Catani, T: Carl Catani
R: Nicole Nichelmann, T: Olana Laffey
O C: Bonnie McCabe, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
R: Tina Furey, T: Brooke Baldwin DeGrazia

2005 – 2007 has three age sections:
Y: 18-22, M: 23-34, O: 35 & over

2007 J: Fran Dotoli, Carol Molony, Randy Mullins, Tammy Provost, Patrick Rodes, Ken Smith-Taylor
Y C: Amanda Powers, T: Kristen Bumpus
R: Elysse Ruschmeyer, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
M C: Jean Sheptoff, T: Cory Hardy
R: Gwen Goodwin, T: Gretchen Anderson
O C: Linette Dooley, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
R: Mary Davis, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince

2006 J: Kitty Barker, James Clapperton, Todd Karn, Ken Krome, William Moroney, John Roper
Y C: Anne Connelly, T: Mitch Steege
R: Kelsey Amedeo, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
M C: Dyanna Rucco, T: David Oliynyk
R: Beth Goodwin, T: David Oliynyk
O C: Barbara Spizzirro, T: Carol Molony
R: Amy Davis, T: Mitch Steege

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PAST NEHC ADULT CHAMPIONS

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2005 J: Scott Fitton, Karen Healey, Mark Jungherr, Jimmy Lee, Susan Schoellkopf, James Zulia
Y C: Georgina Coolidge, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Regan Duffee, T: Martha & Armand Chenelle
M C: Jeanine Zukerman, T: Michael Zukerman
R: Nicole Oliynyk, T: David Oliynyk
O C: Karen DeTemple, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Patricia Phelps, T: Fred Hunt

2002 – 2004 has three age sections:
Y: 18-24, M: 25-34, O: 35 & over

2004 J: Linda Andrisani, Susan Ashe, Robert Bielefeld, Anthony D'Ambiosio, Carol Molony, Steven Wall
Y C: Kelly Cavanaugh, T: Linda Langmeier
R: Emily Hertz, T: John Manning
M C: Hally Phillips, T: Holly Hill Farmer-Hill
R: Steven Violin, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince
O C: Kimberly Jungherr, T: Mark Jungherr
R: Marie McCoole, T: Dawn Dorrance

2003 J: Buddy Brown, Bill Ellis, Brian Lenehan, John Roper, Don Stewart, Rita Timpanaro
Y C: Deirdre Catani, T: Carl Catani, Abby Greer
R: Kelly Cavanaugh, T: Linda Langmeier
M C: Megan Black, T: Holly Hill Farmer-Hill
R: Brooke DeAngelis, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince
O C: Anne Holman, T: Fred Hunt
R: Kris Oldrin, T: Brooke Baldwin DeGrazia

2002 J: Fred Bauer, Joe Darby, Jimmy Lee, Carol Molony, Randy Mullins, Ken Nordstrom
Y C: Laura Littlechild, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Deidre Catani, T: Carl Catani, Abby Greer
M C: Sloan Sherman, T: Holly Hill Farmer-Hill
R: Brooke DeAngelis, T: Kristen Bumpus
O C: Marge Sidman, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Amy Cooper, T: Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince

1993 – 2001 has two age sections:
Y: 18-30, O: 30 & over

2001 J: Scott Hofstetter, Ken Krome, Ellen Raidt-Lordi, Danny Robertshaw, Louise Serio
Y C: Laena Romond, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
R: Deidre Catani, T: Carl Catani, Abby Greer
O C: Adele Einhorn, T: Paige Fabel, Cindy Ford
R: Patricia Phelps, T: Fredrick Hunt

2000 J: Susan Ashe, Jimmy Lee, George Morris, Ellen Raidt-Lordi, Susan Schoellkopf
Y C: Caitlin Venezia, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Brooke DeAngelis, T: Holly Hill Farm
O C: Kamala Grasso, T: Lauren Stevens
R: Erica Avatin, T: Phyllis Cervelli

1999 J: Arthur Hawkins, Carol Molony, Ken Nordstrom, Geoff Teall, George Wallace
Y C: Suzanne Guerette, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Nicole Gokey, T: Jeanine Cash
O C: Deirdre DePrisco, T: Cookie DeSimone
R: Joe Smith, T: Pam& Monica Hunt

1998 J: Linda Andrisiani, Randy Mullins, Bucky Reynolds, Patrick Rodes, Ellen Raidt-Lordi
Y C: Megan Black, T: Phyllis Cervilli, Holly Hill Farm
R: Brooke DeAngelis, T: Patti Harnois, Holly Hill Farm
O C: Jill Martin, T: Jeanine Cash
R: Marge Sidman, T: Kathy Fletcher

1997 J: Cynthia Hankins, Christina Schlusemeyer, Carol Thompson, Frank Willard
Y C: Amanda Starbuck, T: Stepping Stone Farm
R: Amy Momrow, T: Monte Kelly
O C: Katie Chester, T: Jay Sargent
R: Marge Sidman, T: Holly Hill Farm

1996 J: William Glass, Karen Healey, Jimmy Lee, Brian Lenehan, Susan Schollkopf
Y C: Rachel Sagalyn, T: John Blair
R: Monica Hunt, T: Cornerstone Farm
O C: Elizabeth Johnson, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Nancy Digregorio, T: Greg LaPlace

1995 J: A.Thom Brede, Leo Conroy, Ellen Lordi, Michael Moran, Cynthia Williams
Y C: Karla Galasso, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Amy Davis, T: Kathryn Fletcher
O C: Melanie Dorf
R: Dixie deKoning, T: Fran Dotoli, Lucie McKinney

1994 J: Frank Madden, Randy Mullins, Ken Nordstrom
Y C: Julia Hardy, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Amanda Steege, T: Mitch Steege
O C: Johanna Bate, T: Lauren Stevens
R: Marge Sidman, T: Holly Hill Farm

1993 J: William Glass, Louise Serio
Y: C: Jennifer Markee, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Tricia O'Connor, T: Mark Jungherr
O C: Elaine Bianco, T: Renee Latinville
R: Lisa Andraktos, T: Pam Hunt

1988 – 1992 has one section for all Adults

1992 J: Linda Allen, Jimmy Lee
C: Linette Regan, T: Fred Hunt, Holly Brewster
R: Jennifer Markee, T: Holly Hill Farm

1991 J: Mary Chapot, Leo Conroy
C: Vanessa Waltz, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
R: Linette Regan, T: Fred Hunt, Holly Brewster

1990 J: Cynthia Hankins, James Toon
C: Kathleen Bell, T: Karen Quirk
R: Elizabeth Sears, T: Fred Hunt, Holly Brewster

1989 J: Kip Rosenthal, Geoff Teall
C: Tammy Walsh, T: Lauren Stevens
R: Sandy Oliynyk, T: Paul Valliere

1988 J: Fred Hunt, Brian Flynn, Kip Rosenthal
C: Lou Barnicle, T: Holly Hill Farm
R: Elizabeth Vars, T: Beverly Gifford Vars

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2023 Julie Hogan
2022 Miela Gross
2021 Taylor Madden
2020 Abigail Hopkins
2019 Alexandra Carlton
2018 Emelie Burgess
2017 Allison Joyce & Ivy Watson
2016 Haleigh Landrigan
2015 Lauren Henry
2014 Alexandra Carlton
2013 Alexandra Carlton
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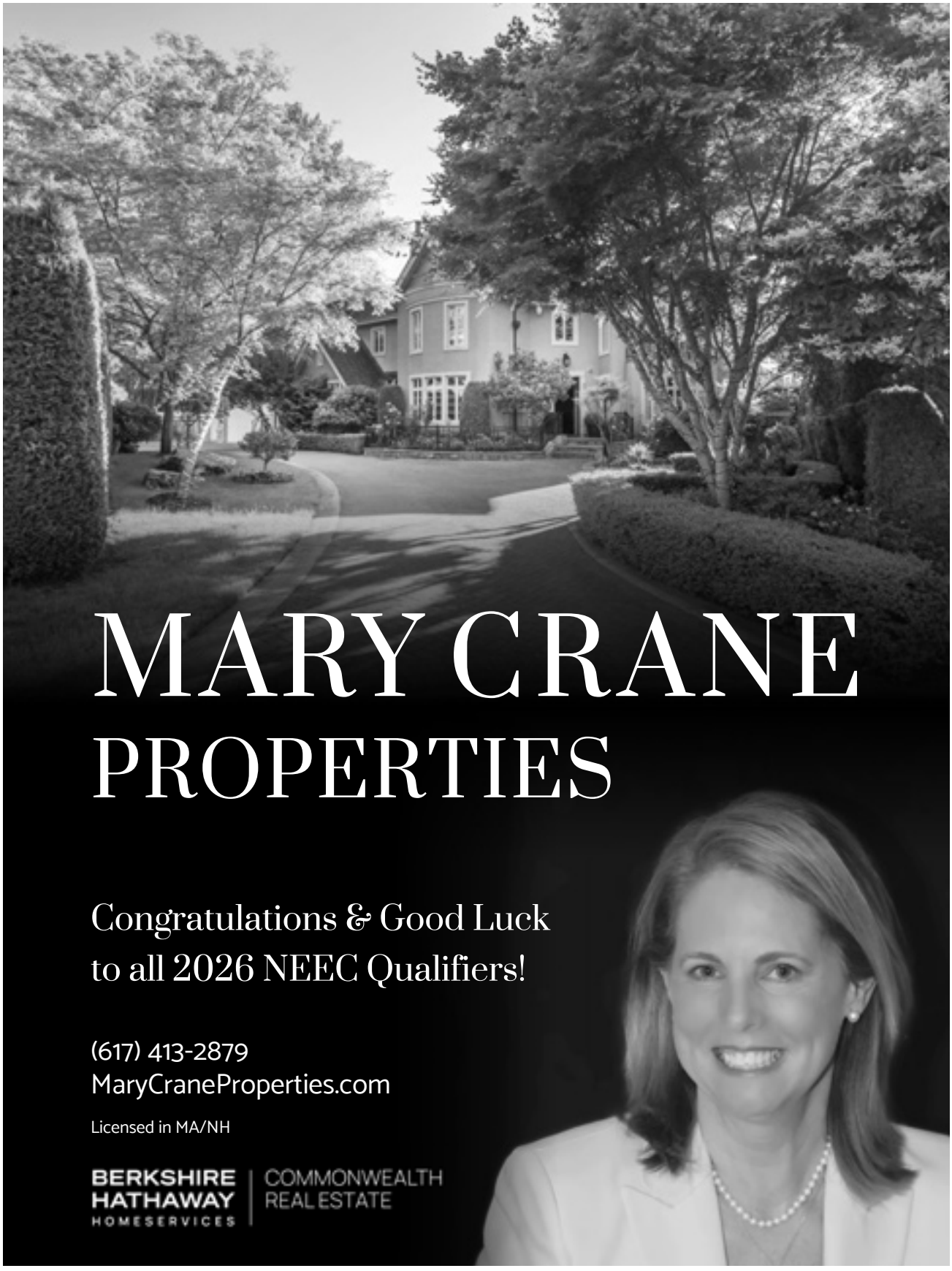
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ALUMNI CHAMPIONS



Katrina Weinig

1976 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

The original! Weinig, the very first winner of the New England Equitation Finals, was a student of a young Paul Valliere. The Wellesley native, who took her earliest riding lessons at the Dana Hall School, is a graduate of both Northwestern University and Northwestern Law School. Katrina had been practicing law for 15 years when she and her husband re-located to Europe. It was there she returned to riding and began competing again. Katrina went on to own and operate a successful show barn in Virginia for several years and now manages and judges shows in the mid-Atlantic. Katrina, who has three children, was thrilled to return to NEEC and reconnect with many old friends in 2010, when her daughter Grace came to compete, and has been honored to serve as a Horsemanship judge.



Sarah (Edwards) Norfleet

1978 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

After years of residing in Bermuda, Sarah recently returned to Kingston, MA. She began riding at age eight at Little Forge Farm in Plymouth, MA with Lalla and Spencer Brewster, showing LFF ponies locally and regionally for many years. During her junior years, she received training from Sarah Brewster, Carolyn Weeks, Paul Valiere/Jamie Mann/Acres Wild Farm, and Bill Cooney/George Morris/Hunterdon. Sarah was the Zone 1 Medal Champion in 1977 and winner of the 1978 NEEC. A Wheaton college graduate, she is currently Director of Marketing & Program Development at the F.L. Chamberlain School. Although she missed the opportunity to be a horse show Mom, she IS a Sailing Mom, as her son Johnny grew up sailing in Bermuda and competing for their national team in international regattas as well as being a member of the St. Georges School Sailing team.



Mary Anne McInnis

1979 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Mary Anne began riding at the age of 5 and continued until she was 18 and headed off to college. For that entire time she was a student of Julie Ulrich and Friars Gate Farm. "I grew up with Julie and she taught me so much in the equestrian world that also applied to my life in general." Mary Anne started riding small ponies and grew into her focus on equitation as a teenager. After graduating from St. Michael's College in 1984 with a BA in Business Administration, Mary Anne spent 7 years managing restaurants, with the remaining 35 plus years of her career working as a Human Resources Learning & Development Professional. After 40 years away from the horse world, Mary Anne started lessons with Olana Laffey in July 2021! "Being part of the Evenstride family makes me so happy and is fulfilling my life in so many ways!"



Lisa Castelucci

1980 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Lisa Castellucci was the equestrian world's "It" girl of the early 80s. Featured in countless equestrian magazines (as well as the New Yorker) and even Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" feature, this 1981 Maclay Champion (as well as two-time reserve champion) pioneered the Acres Wild dynasty of the 80s and early '90s. In the junior hunters Lisa was unstoppable as well, earning scores of championships with her legendary Touch the Sun, who was recently inducted into the National Hunter Hall of Fame in PA. After graduating from Rollins College, "Casty" worked 10 years for her dad Ken, a subcontractor in RI and a fixture at horse shows in the early 80s. For more than 20 years, Lisa has worked for Stone Source, working with architects to specify natural stone for building projects. She splits her time between the East Village and her weekend home in Narragansett, RI. She hopes to one day take up riding again… "This time strictly for pleasure!"



Peter Wylde

1981 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2004 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL
2025 ALUMNI CLASS, INDIVIDUAL
2025 ALUMNI CLASS, TEAM

As a student of Fran & Joe Dotoli, Peter won the NEEC Junior Medal and then the ASPCA Maclay Finals. The Tufts University graduate rode intercollegiately as well, winning the Cacchione Cup. Peter was an Individual and Team Silver Medalist at the 1999 Pan Am Games, Individual Bronze Medalist at the 2002 World Equestrian Games, Team Gold Medalist at the 2004 Olympic Games, and winner of countless top tier Grand Prix classes. He was a coach at the 2006, 2010 and 2022 World Equestrian Games, and also coached at the 2012, 2021 and 2024 Olympic Games.



Stacie (Fluke) Turtledove

1983 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Stacie won the NEEC at the age of 15, after being the reserve champion at the age 12. In addition to qualifying for the national equitation finals each year beginning at age 11, she was also a 6th place finisher at the USET Finals. The Skidmore College graduate rode on her intercollegiate team during her junior and senior years. In 1990 she was a member of the National Champion Skidmore team, as well as the Silver Individual Medalist in the Cacchione Cup. Stacie returned to the Intercollegiate Nationals in 1991 and made a sweep of the Alumni division, winning both the flat and fences. After college she headed to NYC where she worked for Conde Nast Publications for six years and ultimately as a Merchandising Editor at Glamour magazine. She then moved on to the Pepsi-Cola Headquarters working for Tracy Locke, an Omnicom Promotion and Marketing Agency, as the Account Director on all Brand Marketing. In 1998 Stacie married Robert Turtledove and has since become a full-time mom to son Nathan and daughter Ally. They reside in Leawood, Kansas.



Linda (Kossick) Langmeier

1984 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2006 & 2015 ALUMNI CLASS

Linda is one of three NEEC winners to have won the ASPCA Maclay Finals. After her start at Shallowbrook Stables in her hometown of Somers, CT, she teamed up with trainer Paul Valliere who guided her to big wins during her final junior years and made her a household name in the sport. Along with her national championship win she was also 5th at the AHSA (USEF) Medal Finals and 9th at the USET Medal Finals. She turned professional in 1987 and went to work at Acres Wild Farm. In 1989 she opened her own Kelianda Farm (now in East Granby, CT), which has been wildly successful with strong contenders each year at the finals. Linda is married to renowned horseman Kenny Langmeier and is the proud mother of Tyler, Nathan, and junior riding sensation McKayla, our 2014 Junior Champion. She has coached multiple riders to NEEC victory as well. Linda returned for our '15 Alumni class, and narrowly beat out daughter McKayla for a repeat victory!



Kara (Flynn) Baer

1985 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
1989 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Kara raised eyebrows when she showed up to compete at her first NEEC as a 12 year old on a pony. She took home a 10th place ribbon that year and returned the following year on a horse to win. She remains the youngest rider to ever win the NEEC, at age 13. As a student of Fred Hunt & Holly Brewster she was also the youngest ever to win the MHC Junior Finals at age 12, was 4th at the AHSA (USEF) Medal Finals at 13 and is the youngest rider, at 14, ever to win the coveted USET Gold Medal for 20 USET wins. She also had wins in the USEF Medal and ASPCA Maclay at Devon and victories in the High Junior Jumpers at WEF. Kara, a University of Tampa graduate, was the 2002 World Champion A/O Hunter Rider and has earned circuit championships at the HITS winter horse shows as a student of renowned horseman, Don Stewart. Kara and her husband Matt happily reside outside of Tampa with their future Rays players: Matthew, Jr., and his brother, Ryan, as well as their little sister, Amelia Evelyn Baer!



Kate Chope

1986 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
1986 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

An inspiration to all, Kate Chope is one of the best role models in our sport, proving that you can excel in both the classroom and the show ring. She is a Brown University graduate who later went on to the University of Pennsylvania for veterinary school. Along with her formidable partner, Hearsay, they formed one of the winningest partnerships ever in the A/O Jumper division, with victories throughout the country. She represented the US at the European Young Riders Championships in England, won the Show Jumping Hall of Fame East Coast Amateur series and finished 2nd in the country in the High A/O division that same year (all while in her 2nd year of vet school!). Currently Kate's a clinical assistant professor at Cummings/Tufts School of Veterinary Medicine, focusing primarily on equine ultrasound and cardiology and has been a judge for the practicum portion of NEEC horsemanship class for several years. She has recently become board certified in The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. She's married to Jose Garcia-Lopez, a large animal surgeon at Tufts, and they have three children. These days you can find her ringside, grooming for her middle daughter, who has become an avid eventer!



Kathy (O'Keefe) Ni Keefe

1987 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Kathy was a top NE junior in the mid-80s as a student of Bob Crawford. She then took a year off before college working and riding for Gary Duffy and Danny Robertshaw in Florida, New York and South Carolina. She graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, in 1992 with a major in political science and a minor in French. Kathy worked in Greenpeace's national office in Washington, D.C., where she could be found in the donor or campaigns divisions. She worked regularly out in the field participating in climbing and boating actions designed to bring national attention to environmental issues. She presently resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico doing bodywork: Polarity, Craniosacral and Massage Therapy. She also has served on the Board of Directors and been a trainer of nonviolent direct action campaigning for the organization Students for Free Tibet, where she has further pursued her political activism.



Schuyler Riley

1987 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

A graduate of Tufts University, Schuyler was a student of Paul Valliere during her junior years, competing in all the national equitation championships. At age 19 she was the first female winner of the Rolex/USET Show Jumping Talent Derby and that was just a glimpse of things to come. Some of Schuyler's grand prix wins include the American Invitational, the AGA Championships, the American Gold Cup, Grand Prix of Boston, de Penn National, Sugarbush, the Catskills and a two-time winner of the North American Championships. She was an 8th place finisher at the World Cup Finals and in 2005 represented the US on the Samsung Super League Tour while showing in France, Italy and Switzerland. Schuyler owns and operates Wolfstone Stables out of New Hope, PA and Wellington, FL.



Hillary (Vars) Whelan

1988 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Hillary is presently living in San Francisco and rides for one of the top horsemen in the country, John French (she loves her job!). As a successful junior who qualified for all the national equitation finals Hillary rode with her mom, Beverly Vars, and Tim Kees. A graduate of Trinity College, Hillary was a co-founder of Equisearch.com where she worked for six years. Hillary and her surfer husband Dan (with whom she once embarked on an eight-month journey around the world) have two sons, Finn and Noah. She is the proud sister of 2008 RIHA Adult Reserve Champion and horse show judge, Elizabeth Vars. Dan and Hillary enjoy taking the boys camping, including to Yosemite!



Andrea (Moore) Ice

1988 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Under the guidance of trainers Fran and Joe Dotoli, Andrea competed from 1986 to 1988 in the New England Equitation Championships, Medal, Maclay, and the USET Finals with her exceptional partner, Catch of the Day "Tuna." Andrea is a graduate of Drew University, where she was a four-year member of the varsity women's lacrosse team. Following college, she worked at the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), where one of her proudest achievements was contributing to the development of Equestrian as an NCAA Division I women's sport. She currently resides in Nouakchott, Mauritania, where her husband serves as the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy. As part of their service with the U.S. Department of State, Andrea and her family have lived in Costa Rica, Malawi, Senegal, Ethiopia, Mauritania, and Arlington, Virginia. Andrea is the proud mother of two adult daughters, Providence and Liberty, who both live in the Boston area.



Lou Barnicle

1988 ADULT MEDAL FINAL

Lou holds the distinction of winning the very first New England Adult Equitation Championships, held in a field in Portsmouth, RI. She is a California native who began riding at the age of 3, growing up with horses in her backyard. Lou got serious about the sport under the tutelage of trainers John Turner, Linda Allen and Ken Nordstrom. A graduate of Fresno State, she holds a degree in graphic communication and is "one of the lucky ones who does what they went to school for! Been a graphic designer ever since!" Lou has freelanced almost all of her career, other than when she worked at a TV station art department in Florida during the days her husband was a professional baseball player (SF Giants #1 draft pick). After settling on Cape Cod she found her way to Holly Hill. Paired with her hunter, Society Rose, she took the A/A Hunter division by storm with many tricolors and a AHSA (USEF) Zone 1 Championship to their credit. Lou and her husband Ted have two children. Lou's daughter, Erin, was also a student of Holly Hill and a top junior in New England.



Kristen Bumpus

1989 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Under the guidance of Paul Valliere, Kristen took home the win in the 1989 MHC Finals, NEEC, and the Zone 1 Medal Finals. Later that year, she was Reserve Champion at the AHSA (USEF) Medal Finals and 10th at Maclay Finals. She went on to become one of the top hunter riders in the Northeast, with countless hunter tricolors and top derby finishes to her name, including the 2019 Devon Horse Show USHJA International Hunter Derby. Kristen began working at Martha Curran's Arrowhead Farms in Concord, MA in 2006 and her students have met much success at both the local and national level, including wins at MHC and NEEC. She is a longtime member of the New England Equitation Committee and, in the past years, has added Grand Prix commentating to her resume! We are always thrilled to hear her voice on TV!



Tammy Walsh

1989 ADULT MEDAL FINAL

Tammy has made several trips to Harrisburg, Washington and the Garden, first in the equitation division as a junior and later in the A/O Hunters. She's been a circuit champion at the Vermont Summer Shows and a two-time circuit champion at the HITS Ocala shows, where she was also a two-time Best Amateur Rider circuit championship winner. A former Florida State Adult Medal Champion, Tammy also competed multiple years in the M&S Finals and the NAL Finals, as well as being a Zone 4 Champion in both the Adult and A/O Hunters. Tammy is now an assistant trainer at Ravenwood Farm in Palm Harbor, FL.



Julie (Taylor) Calder

1990 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

After winning the junior championship in 1990, Julie attended the University of Richmond and then George Washington University in Washinton D.C. for her MBA. In 1997, Julie moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she is the Vice President of Guest Experience at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Julie and her husband Andy have two daughters, Avery (17) and Hannah (14). Julie continued to ride in Wyoming at the Flying W Stables competing in eventing for several years, while staying connected to her New England roots. She competed in the New England Alumni class in 2015 and finished 6th. She took a break from competing before returning to the New England Medal finals in 2024, riding Kings of Leon and training with Annie Dotoli and team Tibri. She was reserve champion in the "oldest" adult section. This was especially special because her daughter Avery also competed in the junior finals. Avery rides with Tricia O'Connor at Cloverlea Farm in Ocala, Florida, and team Tibri competing in jumpers and equitation. Hannah attends the Holderness School in New Hampshire, playing hockey the varsity girls' team. The Calder family can often be found in the mountains skiing, hiking and adventuring, as well as traveling to various cool places.



Alexander Von Bismarck

1990 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Sascha, a 1994 Harvard University graduate, was a popular choice for winner of the Sportsmanship Award. A student of Lauren Stevens, he competed at all the national equitation finals. Today he is a senior investigator with the Environmental Investigation Agency, residing in London, England.



Kathy (Bell) DeLuise

1990 ADULT MEDAL FINAL

With her beautiful position Kathy was a natural for the equitation division and well-educated by the likes of Sue Brown, Beverly Vars, Fred Hunt, Paul Valliere and Karen Quirk. As a junior she was the winner of both the MHC and RIHA Equitation Championships and as an adult captured the RIHA Championships again and was victorious at the NEEC. She also won scores of year-end high-point awards as both a junior and adult. She presently resides in Hope Valley, RI, and works for an insurance company that specializes in farms. She isn't riding at the moment but keeps busy with her two sons and three step-daughters. She attends lots of baseball and basketball games as the boys are very into sports.



Bill Lowry

1991 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
1991 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Since winning the NEEC Bill has continued his riding career in the International Grand Prix ring. He has gone on to numerous grand prix wins throughout the country, from Mississippi to Florida to Vermont. Bill has won WEF Challenge Cups, Just World Grand Prix of Tampa, as well as grand prix at HITS and many others. Under the guidance of Paul Valliere, Bill got off to a great start with a reserve championship at the AHSA(USEF) Medal Finals and top ribbons at both the Maclay and USET Finals. In 1994 he opened his own business, Winsor Farm Sales, Inc, in North Scituate, RI and began importing sale horses. Bill operates a CEM Quarantine at his farm in RI. He also owns and operates a successful footing business designing and installing riding arenas. He's married to 1993 NEEC Reserve Champion Abby Shaw and they are the proud parents of son, Jack!



Vanessa Waltz

1991 ADULT MEDAL FINAL

Vanessa credits her riding with a list of trainers that includes James Lala, Bob Crawford, Ken Edwards, Paul Valliere, and Fran & Joe Dotoli (the latter three helping her to her NEEC win). For several years she competed in the Medal, Maclay, and USET finals with her wonderful partner, The Citadel ("Cecil"). She currently owns and operates Grandabon Farm just outside of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and has reconnected with some other NEEC alums when a Grandabon student competed at USEF Medal Finals last fall. She has also rediscovered her passion for jewelry design, with local galleries selling equestrian-themed works from her two collections, "Ristra Ranch" and "Molly & Scout".



Annie Dotoli

1992 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2001 ALUMNI CLASS

As a junior rider, Annie was the NEEC Reserve Champion as well as the Junior Sportsmanship winner. Nationally, she was 3rd in the in ASPCA Maclay Finals and Reserve Champion at the Washington International Horse Show. After graduating from Boston College, she trained under renowned professionals and worked at top barns including Benchmark Farm and Ox Ridge Hunt Club. She spent several years in Belgium riding and sourcing horses for sale. Since 2008, she and her husband, Aster Pieters, along with her parents, Fran & Joe Dotoli, have run Tibri LLC in Chepachet, RI – a true family business that has become one of New England's premier training and sales operations. Annie's students, and Tibri LLC sales graduates, have earned championships from local finals to the biggest national stages, but she is equally celebrated for her uncanny patience with amateur riders (which, she swears, is a learned skill). She continues to coach riders to success while balancing her roles as mom (to many kids besides her own two – Carsten & Nora), trainer, business owner, R judge, and active member of the equestrian community. She's especially proud that her daughter, Nora Pieters, is a two-time winner of the coveted NEEC Horsemanship award.



McLain Ward

1992 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2004 & 2008 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL
2016 OLYMPIC SILVER MEDAL

Nineteen years ago under the guidance of Paul Valliere, McLain Ward triumphed as the New England Jr Equitation Champion. Since then he has become the winningest rider in the history of the United States. His resume is synonymous with winning: USET Medal Finals, AGA Rookie of the Year, four-time AGA Rider of the Year, two-time USET Show Jumping Champion, American Invitational Champion, two-time $500,000 WEF Finale winner, SIX-time Hampton Classic GP champion and winner of the $1million Pfizer Grand Prix. The crown jewels on his resume would be the back-to-back Olympic team gold medals in Athens and Beijing, as well as the 2017 World Cup Championship. McLain is married to Lauren Amsterdam and owns and operates his horse import and sales business, McLain Ward, Inc. out of Castle Hill Farms in Brewster, NY. He is the proud father of daughter Lilly.



Linette (LaRocque) Dooley

1992 ADULT MEDAL FINAL
2007 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 35+

Linette was the 2006 National Ariat Adult Equitation Champion! In 2007, over 20 years after her 1985 Junior NEEC reserve championship, Linettey won her second Adult NEEC (as well as winning the High Point Adult Rider award with an 86.7)! As a junior and a student of Fred Hunt and Holly Brewster she competed successfully throughout the East Coast and indoors in both the equitation and with her two junior jumpers. She earned a berth on the Zone 1 Prix de States team and was also 8th at the USET Finals. As an adult she continued her winning ways, winning the MHC and the NEEC twice. Although not riding at the moment, Linette has been a student of Armand Chenelle for several years and they've formed a winning partnership – posting one of her NEEC wins and her National Ariat Championship. She lives in CT with her son Jack and is a Sr. Business Analyst at Voya Financial. What does she want to be when she grows up? "Personal Assistant to the Zac Brown Band!" Adult equitation Hall-of-Famer. Part-time resident of Margaritaville.



Lawrence "Rooster" Yacubian

1993 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

After completing his junior career, Rooster later attended and graduated from Boston University, where he rode intercollegiately. As a trainer Rooster coached the Salve Regina riding team from 1996-1998, as well as students from his parents' Quansett Farm. He completed a tour in Afghanistan in 2005 and a tour in Iraq in 2008. He will always be our hero.



Adam Ottomanelli

1993 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

In 1993 after winning the NEEC, Adam placed third at the USET Finals and was a ribbon winner at the Medal & Maclay Finals as a student of Paul Valliere. He continued his winning ways as an adult with numerous wins in the A/O Jumper division, including the American Invitational A/O Classic in Tampa, Florida. He then started a professional career. He has had numerous grand prix placings in addition to many hunter championships over the years. Adam is a Somers, NY, native currently residing in California, where he teaches, rides and shows. When not riding he enjoys motorcycles, sports and cars.



Jennifer Markee

1993 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30

Jennifer has been well-educated in horsemanship over the years by the likes of George Morris, Chris Kappler and Margie Engle, to name a few. Growing up on Long Island learned to ride with the help of George Lukemire and then went on to work with Cynthia Williams. She is now a trainer living and working out of Wellington, FL. "My greatest accomplishment is that I am a good horseman. That seems to be growing more and more unusual today. Winning is fleeting; the respect of your peers is honorable." Jennifer graduated from Manhattanville College with degrees in finance and political science and also started their IHSA riding team. She is currently the director of the North American Riders Group, which advocates for riders, trainers and owners. In her leisure Jennifer likes to play golf and work in the garden. Her travels have taken her to much of Western Europe, as well as Argentina, Colombia and Mexico. Spain and Holland are her favorites to date. In 2007 Jennifer became a mother and her life veered off on a new and exciting adventure.



Elaine Bianco

1993 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Elaine grew up in Melrose, MA, and now resides in Arlington, MA. She started riding at about age eight and as a junior competed in the saddle seat divisions with Red Oak Farm in North Andover. For most of her riding career as an adult she competed in the hunters and equitation with Pam & Monica Hunt. She mentions winning the NEEC has the highlight of her years in the sport, as well as winning the 2005 Zone 1 Finals aboard Spoken For. Elaine graduated with a degree in nursing from Boston College in 1978 and after working in the field for a few years developed an interest in the application of computers in the medical field. She made the career switch and has been working as a software developer for a large medical center ever since, where she's been lucky enough to have worked for some of the pioneers in the field. She is now retired from riding, "except for occasional trail rides with friends who generously offer their horses"! In her leisure she's done some choral singing, played classical guitar ("badly") and is "enough of a geek that working on iPad apps is becoming a hobby".



Amy Betuker Brooks

1994 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Amy, a Boston University graduate, is a successful professional rider and trainer who hails from Ridgefield, CT. Under the tutelage of renowned horsewoman Kip Rosenthal, Amy became one of the top juniors in the country with a reserve championship (as well as 3rd and 4th place finishes) at the USET Finals and the 1995 Best Junior Rider title at Devon. As an amateur she earned tricolors up and down the East Coast on her junior jumper, Impeccable, ultimately representing the US Zone 1 at the NAYRC. Amy spent many years after college running her own operation here on the East Coast, training horses and riders of all ages. In 2007 she trained the winners of both the CHJA Junior and Master's medal finals as well as qualifiers of all major equitation finals. Amy married in 2011 and she and her husband live in Baltimore, MD, where she is working in the equestrian world as well as the jewelry industry.



Julia (Hardy) Bryant

1994 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30

From walk-trot to turning professional, Julia spent 20 years with Holly Hill Farm. She's now a mom to her two children: Jagger and Jayden. For the past 15 years Julia has worked in the special education field, as a Behaviorist. Julia and her family reside in Mashpee, she enjoys spending her time watching her children play baseball and soccer.



Johnna (Bate) DeSantis

1994 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Johnna began riding at age nine, and owned her first horse at 12. She competed in the junior jumpers and qualified for the Medal, Maclay and USET Finals her final two junior years. During a 20-year hiatus from riding she graduated from Vassar College, received an MBA from the Wharton School and worked for General Foods Corp, which included the test marketing and national introduction of Jell-O brand Pudding Pops. Johnna has two daughters, Jordi and Kendall, both of whom have become accomplished horsewomen themselves, as well as on the way to earning PhDs and MDs! After her return to riding Johnna teamed up with Lauren Stevens and won the NEEC on a horse she bought as a 3-year-old and brought along herself. She then bought another young horse, Eliot, that took her all the way to Madison Square Garden in the A/O Hunters in 2001. These days, Johnna spends her time volunteering at the Endeavor Therapeutic Riding Program, tutoring in the Mercy Learning Center for Women, and at her church. Johnna's favorite accomplishment? Her daughters!



Elizabeth (Addlesberger) Crannell

1995 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

As a student of Lauren Stevens and Stepping Out Farm, Beth competed in the national equitation finals as a junior and then later in the adult divisions as well. She is a 1999 graduate of Wheaton College who after graduation went to work in sales for an IT consulting firm and a software company. She currently is a sales director managing a business development team at Forrester Research in Cambridge, MA and resides with her husband in Beverly, MA. Although she has not been riding competitively she hopes to return to the show circuit in the near future!



Jaime (Weight) Joros

1995 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Congratulations are in order as Jaime married in December of last year! As a junior rider wanting to train full time with Paul Valliere, Jaime uprooted from Jacksonville, FL, and moved to RI at age 15. The plan paid off and with her equitation partner, the amazing Flamingo, she won the MHC Finals and the NEEC Finals, was Reserve Champion at the AHSA (USEF) Medal Finals, and 5th at the Maclay Finals. Jaime moved to the grand prix division with ease. Under the watchful eye of Norman Dello Joio she was in the ribbons on countless occasions, including a 2nd place finish at the Catskills GP and a 3rd place finish at the Fidelity Jumper Classic. Presently she has taken a break from riding to enjoy her five children and two step-children. She and her family happily reside in West Palm Beach, FL.



Karla Galasso

1995 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
1995 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30

Karla is part of the team at Holly Hilly Farm where she manages the 70+ horses at Holly Hill. You can find her out teaching the beginners the ropes and helping them achieve their goals of someday becoming a champion at the NEEC. The same year Karla won both the NEEC Adult Medal Final and first-ever Adult Sportsmanship Award, she also won just about every Adult Medal Class in New England. She also took the title of the Ariat National Adult Finals Champion in 1998 and finished in the standings as first in the country. Karla gives all her thanks to the Holly Hill, her family and friends for the last 40 years and for winning the NEEC Adult Medal.



Melanie (Dorf) Brown

1995 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Melanie began riding at the age of eight in the Pittsburgh/Western Pennsylvania area, later showing in the hunters and equitation as a child and teenager. Over the years she's learned from top horsefolk including Kate Oliver, Fran & Joe Dotoli, James Lala, Ken Whelihan, Ray Texel and Lucie McKinney. One smart cookie, Melanie received her BS from Duke University, studied at Oxford University and the London Business School in the UK and received her MA in Clinical Psychology in 2009. She is currently in her final year of doctoral training in Clinical Psychology and works at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NY. A force in the adult and amateur hunter rings for years, Melanie has won Zone 1 USEF Adult Hunter Horse of the Year honors, as well as Best Adult Amateur Hunter Rider and Best Amateur-Owner Hunter Rider at various shows. As a student of Kate Oliver and CEO Stables she currently shows in the Adult Jumper division aboard her horse Arville. The duo were Champion at WEF, Old Salem, Fairfield, and the Hampton Classic this year. She has three sons: Alexander, Nicholas, and Charlie, along with stepson and stepdaughter Greer and Skyler.



Steven Violin

1996 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2016 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

A two time NEEC Reserve Champion(!), Steven began riding at the Dana Hall School when he was 7, and has many fond memories of the trainers, staff, and fellow students while he was first learning what horseman-=ship was all about. He is married to fellow NEEC competitor Abby Violin, (also a veteran of the Dana Hall Riding Center!), and has three children to whom he hopes to pass on the crazy horse bug! He and Abby recently bought their first horse together and take turns showing him. When he's not in the ring, Steven enjoys many outdoor activities, including skiing and hiking, and has climbed the 46 high peaks of the Adirondacks. He serves on the board of a local land trust to ensure that these outdoor activities remain available to his community. Bonus fact: Steven loves music and played the French Horn in an orchestra during college!



Erica (Keany) Blob

1996 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Erica is a summa cum laude graduate from Duke University and earned her MBA from Harvard Business School. She was also an overachiever in the show ring, winning the Grand Pony Hunter Championship at the 1993 Pony Hunter Finals. On horses she was equally impressive, with wins at the MHC Finals, the NEEC, the ASPCA Regionals and a berth on the Zone 1 Prix de States team, to name a few. Erica is a director at New Mountain Capital in New York. She also writes about the New England Patriots for the NFL website Her Game Life. We're in awe of Erica's accomplishment of seven marathons! She is the proud daughter of adult amateur superstar Vanessa Symmons. Erica and her husband, Jonathan, reside in Connecticut. "One of these days I'm going to make it to the finals again!"



Patty Phelps

1996 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

After growing up riding in various disciplines Patty switched to hunters and equitation as an adult. There she had much success, as Reserve Champion at both the MHC and NEEC Finals (two-times), as well as winning adult hunter championships at horse shows like St. Clement's Saratoga on her former partner, Expertese. She works in printing management and lives at Charisma Farm in Plympton, MA, with her hubby and NEEC committee member Fred Hunt.



Suzanne Guerette Powell

1996 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
1999 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30

As a student of Holly Hill, this Lenox, MA, native was one of the top juniors in New England, qualifying for the AHSA (USEF) National Medal Finals, ASPCA Maclay Regionals, WIHS Equitation Classic and USET Finals. Suzanne was a winner of the coveted USET gold medal for 20 USET wins, as well as the Governor's Cup Equitation Classic at Saratoga and Ralph Symmes Medal Finals. In the jumper ring, she scored a big victory in the M&S $10,000 Children's Jumper Prix at the Washington Intl Horse Show. As an adult rider, Suzanne continued her winning ways, posting wins at the MHC Finals and the NEEC, as well as a Reserve Championship at the National Ariat Medal Finals! In the jumpers, she returned to the WIHS and finished 4th in the M&S $10,000 Adult Jumper Prix. Suzanne is a Dickinson College biology graduate and was a meeting planner for over 15 years. She now lives in Dalton, MA with her husband and son, and is a paraprofessional for a middle school.



Melissa Mastroni

1997 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

An equestrian since the age of seven, Melissa rode her entire junior career with the Fairfield County Hunt Club. Along with her NEEC win, she was also 4th at the CHJA Finals and 4th at the PHA Finals. While in college, she represented the US at the AIEC in Holland where she was the silver medalist in individual show jumping. Melissa graduated from Sacred Heart University with a BS in history and minor in business. Her current position is VP of Client Relationship Management and Investment Product Development for the Tailored Portfolio Group, an asset management boutique within Citigroup. Melissa's other full time job (and passion in life) is working to rescue Labradors and Pit Bulls from high-kill shelters so as to place them in loving homes. In addition, she works to continually advocate, educate and raise awareness for Pit Bulls as well as being heavily involved in dog obedience training and behavior modification. She is an advocate for chinchilla rescue as well.



Sarah (Katz) Fostello

1997 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Sarah is happily married to James Fostello and has a wonderful stepson, James, and a beautiful daughter Caroline. One of the most popular adults to compete at the NEEC, this former barn manager for Phyllis Cervelli's Holly Hill Show Stable is now a Northeast Applications Team Leader for GE Healthcare and is busier than ever, but loving it! In the adult equitation division Sarah was an accomplished rider, winning the MHC Equitation Finals, the MHJ Medal Finals and the SSHC Championships. This summer she returned to riding and we hope to see at the NEEC again soon! An avid birdwatcher, she loves to take walks with her family and dogs and just simply loves the outdoors!



Anne Holman

1997 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2003 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 35+

Anne has been riding since the age of five beginning in Pony Club and 4-H and eventually moving up to advanced level 3-day eventing. She took up hunters and equitation after marrying equine veterinarian Mark Holman. In 1998 Anne was Reserve Champion at the MHC Equitation Finals and won the championship in 1999. She rounded out her equitation career by placing 3rd in the Hermes Palm Beach Adult Medal in 2009. These wins were on horses that Anne and Mark purchased as youngsters and brought along themselves. Anne works as office manager of her husband's veterinary practice and currently shows in the Adult Hunters. She is the proud mom of rising junior star Miles.



Amanda Starbuck

1997 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30

Amanda is a UVM graduate hailing from Ridgefield, CT, where she comes from a family of equestrians. She has enjoyed success in both the hunter and jumper divisions as both an amateur and professional. In the years of 2002 and 2003 she and her toe-pointing superstar, Rio Bronco, were not only the A/O Hunter 18-35 Champions at the National Horse Show but they were also USEF National Champions in the division as well. In the A/O jumpers Amanda won several classes at the National Horse Show, earned tricolors in Palm Beach and topped the A/O Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic at the Vermont Summer Festival. She turned professional in 2007 and with sister Juliana has opened Starbuck Equestrian in Ridgefield, CT. She is a winner of the NJ $25k Horse Park Grand Prix, the $5000 Devoucoux Hunter Derby at Old Salem Farm and was a top 25 finalist in the inaugural $500,000 Hunter Derby. Amanda is currently bringing along many young mounts to the Grand Prix level.



Katie Chester

1997 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Katie, a Manhattan native, is an award-winning graphic designer with degrees from UVA and RISD. After much success in the adult equitation and hunter divisions she moved to Charlottesville, VA in 2001, where she continues those winning ways in the A/O hunter division. Katie owns and operates a graphic design company, Chester + Hound, in Charlottesville, VA.



Emily Birdwhistell

1998 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

As a student of Fred Hunt and Holly Brewster, Emily was successful in both the equitation and hunter rings as a junior rider, qualifying for Harrisburg and Devon. The Vassar College graduate was also a member of the women's varsity rugby team that competed intercollegiately and in England, Ireland and Australia. After living in NYC post-graduation, Emily returned to academia and in 2006 graduated from Georgetown Law School. When in New England Emily is a student of River Wind Farm. Currently, Emily lives in Los Angeles where she is employed as an intellectual property and entertainment litigation attorney at the NBC Universal Television Group. Emily is a member and captain of the Santa Monica Women's Rugby Club, which finished 4th in the country this year. She and her boyfriend Chris, also an attorney, live with their adorable black lab-mix rescue, Cole Porter, in their LA home. Emily is also the proud godmother to 1998 Junior NEEC Champion Jenna Teeson's children, Chase and Hanna.



Jenna (Kieley) Teeson

1998 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Although Jenna burst onto the national stage at a young age with her win at the M&S Children's Hunter Championship, it was in the equitation where she'd make her mark. Jenna was a winner of both the MHC and NEEC Junior Finals. She was also Reserve Champion at the Maclay Regionals, 5th at the WIHS National Equitation Finals and a ribbon winner at all the major horse shows throughout the East Coast. In the High Junior Jumpers she was also successful with numerous victories including earning a berth and competing for the Prix des States Zone 1 team at Harrisburg. At Ohio University Jenna pioneered a riding team that won the Intercollegiate Nationals in 2002. Jenna now works as an artist agent, representing commercial photographers, working on national ad campaigns. Jenna and her husband Nick reside in Dover, MA, with their son Chase and daughter Hanna who already love horses as much as their mom.



Sally (Violin) Thayer

1998 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2000 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Sally's ridden with Will Roberts at Pine Hollow Farm for the past 11 years. After a successful junior career, Sally graduated from Duke University in 2002, then with an MBA from Vanderbilt University in 2009. The former NEEC horsemanship winner has had the honor of being invited back to the NEEC to serve as a judge for the horsemanship practicum. Since her New England Finals days, she's continued to ride and compete in the amateur owner hunters and even made it to the Derby Finals once – and hopes to return again! She lives in Houston, TX with her husband Ed and is the proud aunt of seven nieces and nephews.



Dixie deKoning

1998 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Dixie is a New Canaan, CT, native now living in NYC. She graduated from Briarcliff College with a BA in English and has worked in public relations and school admissions. She plays lots of tennis and loves to travel (her favorites are to the Bahamas and her husband's native land, the Netherlands). Her two daughters, Liska and Daria, both rode competitively and enjoyed competing at the NEEC. Dixie began riding at the age of 12 as a student of the Ox Ridge Hunt Club and has ridden with Otto Heuckeroth, his daughter Patty, Lucy McKinney and Fran Dotoli. A successful junior rider, she was a 4th place finisher at the Maclay Finals at MSG. When her daughters left for college she kept the horses and took up the sport again after a 12-year hiatus. She was a winner of the CT Adult Medal Finals and competed in the A/O hunters and Adult Jumpers. Although she no longer rides she misses the sport and especially the NEEC. She is the proud grandmother of Liska's three children who live in England, all of whom love to ride the pony her English Granny keeps in the backyard.



Mary Beth McGee

1998 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2022 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

After over 20 years of owning Herring-Brook Farm in Pembroke, MA, Mary Beth took the plunge and moved to Ocala, Florida with her horses, dogs, donkeys and goats. She currently rides with Mark Jungherr of Starlite Farm. In addition to riding, she loves tennis, taking long walks with her three dogs, and getting up to New England regularly to visit with her family. Mary Beth says, "New England Finals has always been one of my favorite shows. Winning last year on C Star was a dream come true!"



Megan Black

1998 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30
2003 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 25-34

Megan, a Boston University graduate, was a student of Holly Hill Show Stable for over 10 years and is one of only three riders ever to win the Adult NEEC twice. "I love following the NEEC shenanigans via Facebook – am still planning to come back as a 46+er"! Megan recently relocated to San Diego working as the Media Capability Lead at digital ad agency Piston. She is a two-time Chicago marathoner competing as a charity runner for the Alzheimer's Association, bringing awareness to the disease and its impact not just on patients but caregivers and families. Megan the explorer has travelled recently to Thailand, Cambodia and Ireland. She has won FAR too many adult equitation finals to list and quite frankly she's too modest to allow us to anyhow. "Good luck to all at this year's NEEC. I miss everyone so much"! 2015 was a big year for Megan…she not only got married, but also returned to the saddle after a 10 year hiatus!



Jill Valliere

1998 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Jill won both the NEEC and the MHC Medal Finals, was Reserve Champion at the National Ariat Adult Medal Finals and a two-time National Masters Ariat Award winner. She also led the country in Ariat points for two consecutive years with her great horse, Southern Lights. Jill has been riding since the age of seven and loves to travel, read, cook and garden. She is married to Paul Valliere. After competing, Jill returned to her passion of photography and is running her production company "Billy Martin Productions Inc". Jill is the house photographer for Live Nation's Xfinity Center in Mansfield, MA and also the staff photographer for the equestrian magazine "Above The Rail".



Sarah-Ki (Tomasi) Rice

1999 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Synonymous with nerves of steel, Sarah-Ki competed in the equitation at Harrisburg and Madison Square Garden from 1997-1999. During that time she was the Equitation Classic winner at the Maclay Regionals all three years, while finishing in the top 10 in each of those Regionals. A WIHS Jumper Phase winner at Devon, she also finished 6th at the junior NEEC. At the University of South Carolina, Sarah-Ki was a 3-year captain of the riding team and was a bronze medalist representing the US at the International Riders Cup in Rome, Italy. Sarah-Ki purchased a beautiful farm in Shelburne, Vermont in the fall of 2007 and re-established Summerwood Farm – the name of her mom's (renowned VT horsewoman, Judy Shailor) original barn – established in 1971. In 2010 she moved to Charlotte, NC, where she does some freelance teaching and riding.



Sarah B. Willeman

1999 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

A student of Missy Clark, Sarah was one of the most successful riders of her generation. She won the USEF Medal Finals, WIHS Equitation Finals, USET Finals, and numerous hunter championships and Open Jumper Grands Prix; received sportsmanship awards at the National Horse Show and Maclay Regionals; and was named US Equestrian Federation Junior Equestrian of the Year, Chronicle of the Horse Hunter Horseman of the Year, and Stanford University's Club Sports Athlete of the Year. She holds a BA in Psychology and an MA in Education from Stanford and an MFA in Fiction Writing from NYU. In recent years, she has become a prominent breeder of reining horses, partnering with Tom McCutcheon in Texas. Her new lifestyle blog, GrappaLane.com, covers horses, healthy living, style, and renovating an old Connecticut farm with her husband, Philip Richter. She is working on a collection of stories about characters whose lives intersect through the world of horses.



Justine (Powers) Jarvis

1999 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Justine is a graduate of Clark University with a degree in ancient civilizations. She was a riding instructor at the Dana Hall School Riding Center but returned to her family's Highgarden Farm in Poolesville, Maryland. There she has been riding and coaching, as well as freelancing between barns. Justine has been riding and competing since she was 12 in the hunter, jumper and equitation rings. She is married to Michael Jarvis, and the two recently bought a new farm in Frederick, Maryland where they are now operating Highgarden Farm.



Nicole (Gokey) Oliynyk

1999 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Nicole began her riding career as a successful junior under the tutelage of Lauren Stevens, with whom she rode with for nearly 10 years. Nicole graduated from UMASS Amherst with a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1995. Returning to the show ring as an adult she was a two-time Reserve Champion at the NEEC, was 3rd in the MHC Finals and 3rd at the National Ariat Medal Finals. Known for her humility and graciousness, she was also the NEEC Sportsmanship winner. Nicole is employed as a Director of Regulatory Affairs at Genzyme Corp. where she has worked for 16 years. In 2002 she walked down the aisle with long-time love, David Oliynyk! We have our fingers crossed she'll return to the NEEC someday…we sure do miss her!



Deirdre DePrisco

1999 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
1999 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Dee, a resident of Wellesley, MA, and Boca Raton, FL, was a 2008 and 2009 qualifier for the National Ariat Adult Finals. Known for her textbook position and soft and fluid rides she was the winner of both the 2000 MHC Equitation Finals and the 1999 NEEC under the watchful eye of Cookie DeSimone. Recognized by all for her humility she also won the 1999 NEEC Adult Sportsmanship Award. Over the past few seasons Dee has shown successfully during WEF each winter. A graduate of Babson College, she is a certified gemologist/diamontologist at DePrisco Jewelers in Boston. In addition to riding, Deirdre is an accomplished classical pianist and ballroom dance competitor, as a founder and CEO of Ballroom Dance New England, Inc. Some of her more notable recent wins were the North American Ballroom Championship, the World Masters Ballroom Championship, US National Showdance Championships and the North American Salsa Championship! She is married to hunky Dan Radler, a US professional ballroom champion (as well as winner of 'Boca Raton's Hottest Husband' contest) and the two were featured on the television show '2009 America's Ballroom Challenge!' Deirdre has remained passionately involved in the riding world and lately has been enjoying purchasing and sharing beautiful hunters and equitation horses with the lucky riders of Woodridge Farm.



Sara Wytrzes

2000 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2024 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2024 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45

Sara has been a student of Grazing Fields since the dawn of time. She was the 2000 NEEC Junior Medal Finals Champion, and the 2024 winner of the NEEC Adult 28-45 Medal Finals and Adult Sportsmanship Award. As a member of the first 3 gold medal winning Challenge of the States teams, she was also Individual Champion or Reserve each year. Other notable wins include the 2023 THIS NHS Adult National Championship, 2000 ASPCA Maclay Res National Champion, MHC, RI, and MHJ Finals Champion. After a 15-year absence from riding Sara came back to the horses with the sole intention of competing in the 40th Anniversary Alumni Class. Having underestimated just how much she truly loved the horses, she decided to uproot her life in NYC, move back to MA, and is now usually found wandering around Grazing Fields Farm. She is an honorary member of the Fletcher family and will be competing in the Alumni Class with little sis, Emma. She really thinks Emma should have picked a better partner.



Emily Zildjian-Bickford

2000 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Congratulations to Emily on her marriage to Lawrence Hill of Lawrence Hill Horseshoeing! Emily is a 2004 graduate of Lehigh University. As a student of Carl Catani and Abby Greer, Emily qualified for all the junior national equitation finals and was one of the most top junior jumper riders in the nation with her partner Mandela, finishing 5th nationally in the AHSA (USEF) standings. Emily had major wins in the high junior jumpers at Saratoga and Lake Placid and then went on to a reserve championship finish in the Calvin Klein Junior Jumper Classic at the Hampton Classic, as well as being a member of the Zone 1 Junior Jumper National Championship team in the Prix de States. In the equitation she was a 4th place finisher in the USET Finals, Reserve Champion at the CT Medal Finals and the MHJ Junior Medal Champion. In 2006 her hunter Amir was Zone 1 Horse of the Year in the A/O's and in 2007 she took the same honors with Amelia. She is now an employee of Lawrence Hill Horseshoeing and running Bickford Show Stables out of Loxahatchee, FL with plans for a barn in Hingham, MA soon!



Laena Romond

2000 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2001 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-24

Laena is a professional at Heritage Farm, Katonah, NY since 2007. As part of the Heritage team, she's trained multiple NEEC champions, including champion Matt Metell and reserve champion Victoria Birdsall (2008), reserve champion Katherine Schmidt (2010), reserve champion Alexa Aureliano (2020), champion Amira Kettaneh (2022), and Adult 46+ champion Molly Calhoun (2024).



Karen Clark

2000 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2007 SUE BRAINARD TROPHY

Karen is enjoying retirement from her saddle fitting business and tack shop. She and her husband have two daughters, Jess and Roz, who are both married. Jess lives in Davidson, North Carolina and has two children. Roz is in Portland, Oregon and has three children. Retirement will allow for more family time and for more travel. Karen and Lanny have recently completed building a new home and are currently working on building a small horse barn for Karen's two geldings. Although no longer showing, Karen rides nearly daily.



Caitlin Venezia

2000 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-30

Caitlin was one of the top juniors in the nation winning everywhere from Palm Beach to Devon in the hunters, jumpers and equitation. She was Reserve Champion at the Maclay Finals at Madison Square Garden, 6th in the AHSA (USEF) Medal Finals and 5th in the USET Finals. She is also a winner of the coveted USET Gold Medal for 20 USET wins and was twice the NEEC Junior Reserve Champion. Caitlin excelled in the classroom as well, as a graduate of Boston University. A trainer at her family's Holly Hill, she was able to teach by example as a winner of the equitation portion of the USEF judge's clinic held during WEF. She made a successful jump to the Grand Prix ranks with numerous placings. Away from horses she's extremely well-read and is known to finish off a book a day. Sister of skydiving/triathlete/paddleboarder Charlie V. Today, she is married to Chuck White and a has a son and a new daughter. She lives in Oklahoma but still rides and trains with Holly Hill!



Kamala Grasso

2000 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Kamala currently rides with Lexie Lohrer and Wildwood Farm. After winning the finals in 2000 with Lauren Stevens and Stepping Out Farm, she took a long break from horses to raise two kids and focus on her career. She got back into riding about 6 years ago and bought her current horse, Alter Ego, in 2021. She primarily competes in the hunters, derbies, and equitation but also dabbles in the jumpers. On the job front, Kamala teach part-time at MIT, serves on a board of directors, and runs my her consulting business.



Jenny Durkin

2001 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Known for her contagious smile and bubbly personality, Jenny was a popular choice for the Sportsmanship award. As a student of Holly Hill Farm she placed 4th in the 2001 NEEC Junior Medal Finals and 10th in the North American Equitation Championships at the Capital Challenge. She also was the winner of the 2001 RIHA Equitation Finals and the 2001 SEHA Equitation Finals, and topped off her career with the prestigious NEEC Junior Sportsmanship award. Jenny was a 2006 graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans. Jenny works as an Americorps VISTA at New Orleans Outreach, a nonprofit organization with the mission to improve public education in New Orleans by bringing volunteers and other community resources into the schools.



Sophie (Coppedge) Walker

2001 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

As a student of Grazing Fields Farm, Sophie won the junior NEEC in 2001 at the young age of 15. Since her win she has graduated from New York University in 2008 with a BFA in art history and married Brian Walker, 2000 NEEC Reserve Champion. Together they founded Woodside Farm Inc. based between Wellington, FL and Lexington, KY. Sophie competed successfully in the A/O jumpers and was a tireless crusader for all animals, large and small. Sophie was beloved by all who knew her, and her infectious laughter and contagious smile will be remembered as we rename the Younger Adult Sportsmanship trophy in her honor.



Jamie Peddy

2001 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Jamie hails from Oyster Bay, NY. After receiving her undergraduate degree in biology from Brown University where she captained the Varsity Equestrian Team, she attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, graduating with honors in large animal surgery, sports medicine and imaging. She joined Manor Equine Hospital in Monkton, Maryland for a yearlong internship in 2010, and has since stayed on as an associate veterinarian, providing the majority the ambulatory services for the practice. We've been thrilled to have Jamie return to the NEEC to help judge the Horsemanship class.



Nicole (Simkins) Nichelmann

2001 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2008 & 2010 NEEC RESERVE

The Boston Bruins fan that all others will forever be measured by! Along with her NEEC reserve championships Nicole was a Zone 1 Adult Equitation Finals Champion. A student of Olana and Scott Laffey for over a quarter of a century, this will be Nicole's 27th consecutive trip to the NEEC and it remains her favorite final. She was the 2003 MHC 18-30 Medal Champion and 2010 and 2012 MHC 30+ Reserve Champion, as well as a three-time finalist at the National Ariat Finals. Nicole is the owner of the beloved The Grog restaurant. She is happily married to Bill Nichelmann, who cheers her on from the stands at the NEEC each year.



Leslie Prinz

2001 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Leslie grew up in a horse-oriented family and began riding with the Jericho Forrest Pony Club and local 4-H groups. After college she took a ten-year hiatus from riding while working for the American Hospital Supply, Proctor & Gamble and several large office supply companies. After years of leading the Northeast sales team as the Regional VP for the Contract Sales Division of Staples, Inc, Leslie discovered her entrepreneurial spirit and reopened the Horseman's Exchange, an equine consignment shop that her mother Barbara Stevens started over 30 years ago to help pay for her horses and showing. While still operating the tack shop she has also returned to the corporate world as the VP of strategic initiatives at Office Max. In her leisure she plays in several USTA tennis leagues. With the encouragement of her sister, trainer Lauren Stevens, Leslie returned to riding, and currently rides at Fair Harbour Farm with Dina Mazzola in Acton, MA.



Adele Einhorn

2001 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 30+

Adele rode extensively as a junior and while attending Skidmore College. After graduate school, she took a hiatus from riding/showing and spent time living and working abroad. Adele is currently the Director of Special Projects and the Executive Director of the Skidmore College Saratoga Classic Horse Show, of which she co-founded sixteen years ago. Her return to the show ring has included winning the Ariat Adult Medal Masters Award, the CDHJC Adult Medal Finals, the 2001 Adult NEEC, as well as high score awards in the hunter and equitation divisions. Adele still rides with Bob Braswell and recently purchased a young pre-green horse named SOCHI whom she now shows in the 3'3" A/O Hunters. When not riding, she enjoys long walks with her dogs, spending time with her husband and family and hitting the Vermont slopes on her snowboard.



Gina Marie Ciccotelli

2002 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Gina was one of the best pony riders in the sport during her early junior years, with a reserve championship at Harrisburg in the hunters and a reserve championship at the WIHS Pony Medal Finals. After graduating to horses she won just about everything in sight. The equitation finals winner of the SSHC, SEHA, MHJ, Kingston, CC Hunter and East-West Finals, Gina was also Reserve Champion at the NEEC and RIHA Finals. She qualified for Harrisburg and the Garden her final two junior years and was a team gold and silver medalist at the NEEC Challenge of States. She received her bachelor's degree from Northeastern University with a double major of criminal justice and psychology. Gina is married and works as the General Manager of Coppa in Boston's south end.



Laura Faulkner

2002 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2002 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Laura is a partner veterinarian at Watermark Equine, based in Ridgefield, CT and Wellington, FL. She enjoys taking care of many of the horses that compete at New England Finals, and has occasionally judged the Horsemanship practicum, in addition to serving as the US Dressage team veterinarian for the past 3 years. She keeps her two horses with Brooke Baldwin of Riverside Farm and loves riding them as much as her work schedule allows.



Whitney Hollinger

2002 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Whitney holds the coveted achievement of having won ribbons at all four of the national equitation championships. She was the winner of the Jumper Phase at the 2002 Washington Inter national Equitation Finals (5th overall), 10th in the 2002 USAEQ Medal Finals (Harrisburg), 10th in the 2001 ASPCA Maclay Championships and 8th at the 2004 USET Finals. She also won the Sportsmanship Award at the 2002 ASPCA Regionals, and in addition to her NEEC tricolor, was the gold medal individual rider in the Challenge of the States. Whitney currently rides most of the year at Stony Point Stables in Franklin, TN and with Lynnewood Stables out of Long Island, NY while in Florida. She's a Regional Sales Manager for Otis Elevator and is based out of Nashville, TN.



Sean Rogers

2002 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2008 SUE BRAINARD TROPHY

Sean is a student at Tibri LLC, trained by Annie Dotoli & Abbie Hopkins. With them he's been a 3x high point champion of both the NEHC & USHJA Zone 1 in adult equitation. Under the tutelage of Woodridge Farm he rode to wins at the MHJ, MHC and Zone 1 Equitation Finals, as well as a 2nd place finish at the NEEC. He's collected championships at WEF, Ocala, Vermont, Saugerties, the Big E, the Zone 1 USHJA Hunter Finals and was an Ariat winner at the Hampton Classic. Sean scored a HITS Ocala circuit championship in adult eq and was a 3x Best Adult Rider winner there. His favorite activity is volunteering at the Special Olympic Games (since 1996). He's also especially thankful to the countless horses he's been educated by and shown throughout his life – they've all contributed to the rider he is today. His parents will always be considered his good luck charm while in the show ring.



Laura (Littlechild) Seele

2002 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

Laura graduated in 2005 from Emory University in Atlanta, GA, with degrees in both English literature and psychology, following which she founded and managed Tesorino Gallery, a contemporary art gallery and luxury goods boutique in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood. Laura received her MBA in May, 2011 from the F.W. Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College in Wellesley, MA, graduating with magna cum laude honors. She is currently married and living in New York City, where she works for Steinway & Sons as Global Manager of the Custom Pianos Department.



Sloan Sherman

2002 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 25-34

Before the age of 12 Sloan had already accomplished big things as a student of Paul Valliere. At age nine she was champion at the National Pony Finals and at age 11 she was 2nd in the open class at the Maclay Finals at Madison Square Garden. She competed in the Maclay Finals for seven consecutive years during her junior career and with her junior jumper, Jet Steam, she also captained the Zone 1 Prix de States team at Harrisburg. Sloan was educated at Tulane University where she coached the riding team throughout her years there. In 1996 she successfully started her own company as a real estate developer and purchaser. Sloan also returned to the show ring and won the RIHA and NEEC Adult Equitation Finals. Sloan resides in West Palm Beach where she has become an environmental activist and has focused real estate endeavors on building "green" – "I believe it's extremely important and I'm trying to do my part."



Marge Sidman

2002 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 35+

Marge has established herself as one of the top amateur adults in New England, with winning track records in the hunters, jumpers and the equitation. After completing her formal education as a research chemist and then a physician's assistant, Marge pursued her passion for riding during her mid-twenties and began competing. She won the MHC Medal Finals, was the NEEC Champion and this year won the inaugural NESC Championships and its Horsemanship award. Marge, her husband and black lab are now Florida residents in their house near Naples. They spend six months in Florida and six months on Cape Cod. Marge continues to have a blast with all of the adults at Grazing Fields Farm and also enjoys riding in the "mature" adults each winter in Florida.



Audrey Banks

2003 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Audrey capped off her final junior year winning the NEEC Sportsmanship award, finishing in the top 10 at the NEEC, placing 2nd in the Katie Battison Horsemanship Class and winning the MHC Medal Championship. Since graduating from Princeton, she has worked for the UN and humanitarian aid organizations in Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Thailand and Jordan. She is currently working for the International Rescue Committee in New York while she finishes her final year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania.



Georgina Coolidge

2003 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2005 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

She is a legend at the NEEC – the first rider ever to win both a junior and adult NEEC championship! Nina, a native Bostonian, competed all over the country as a junior rider under the tutelage of Grazing Fields Farm and won the 2003 Northeast Maclay Regionals, was 3rd in the 2003 WIHS Equitation Finals (where she scored a 97 in the 3rd round) and was the winner of the RI Equitation Championships. She graduated from Washington and Lee University and then earned her masters of science in public policy and management at Carnegie Mellon University. She's currently living in DC and working in public sector consulting. Known as an example of humility and sportsmanship, Nina wishes the best of luck to all NEEC competitors!



Whitney Keefe

2003 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Whitney recently graduated from Harvard Business School, following two years at Bain & Company in Boston and New York. She received an M.D. from Tufts Medical School in 2012 and a BSc from Brown University in 2008. She is engaged and currently lives in New York. In 2003, she placed 6th in the Junior NEEC and in 2005 she placed 4th in the Adult 18-22 NEEC. Competing for Brown in the IHSA, Whitney served as captain of her team and was awarded the prestigious Academic All-Ivy Award for excellence in athletics and academics in 2007 and 2008 based on her contributions to the team – Ivy League Champion 2005, 2006, 2008 and Individual/Team placings at IHSA Championships.



Deirdre Catani

2003 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2003 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-24
2008 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-35

As far as the adult equitation division, she was flawless…simply one of the best ever. For years she wowed this competition with some of the most breathtaking trips ever seen at the NEEC! She's a favorite of everyone and her classic riding ability has raised the bar in adult equitation to the credit of trainers Carl Catani and Abby Greer. Dee is a former winner of the MHC Finals, MHJ Finals, NEEC, the Ariat National Adult Equitation Finals and the Ocala Adult Equitation Circuit Championship. In the hunter ring she tells us she tries to capture the same timeless style of her trainer, Abby Greer, and it's worked. With her hunter Nevada she was A/O Circuit Champion at the 2005 Spring HITS series and Summer Vermont Horse Show series. In the jumper ring she's equally as keen¦ galloping to victory in the $15,000 Children's/Adult Jumper Challenge at the 2004 Capital Challenge. Dee is a 2005 graduate of Curry College and a trainer at her father Carl Catani's River Wind Farm.



Kendall Bate

2004 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Winning at the national level is nothing new for Kendall…she's been doing it since her pony days. She was the National Pony Medal Finals Reserve Champion, the AHSA National Horse of the Year Champion with her green pony Rollingwood's L on Wheels and National Horse of the Year Reserve Champion in the Under 15 Small Junior Hunters with Silhouette. Kendall was also the MHC Mini-Medal Champion. She trained initially at Dana Hall, subsequently with Lauren Stevens and finally with Geoff Teall and has always cared for her own horses. Kendall graduated from Hamilton College and is currently in her fourth year of Tufts University Medical School. Last year, Kendall was married…first here in the US, and then later in India! She recently gave birth to a beautiful son.



Julie Welles

2004 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Julie is a resident of Wellington, FL and attends Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. As a student of Linda Langmeier at The Ethel Walker School and Missy Clark/ North Run, Julie became one of the most respected young riders in the history of the American junior program. Her resume is impressive: Devon Equitation Champion, USET Talent Search Champion, WIHS Equitation Finals Champion, two-time ASPCA Maclay Reserve Champion, USEF Medal Reserve National Champion, USEF Talent Search gold medalist (for 20 USET wins) and the Kathy Scholl Equitation Champion at Lake Placid. In the jumper division she was also one to beat: three Prix de States team reserve championships, Leading Junior Jumper Rider at the Devon Horse Show (via winning all four Junior Jumper classes, the championship AND reserve), the Shalanno Style of Riding Award winner at the Hampton Classic, the William Steinkraus Style of Riding Award winner at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show and a North American Young Riders team gold medalist. Since graduating from the junior division she's worked for Olympians Lauren Hough and Laura Kraut and has returned to Missy Clark's North Run where she works presently.



Ruth Walker

2004 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Ruth hails from Lenox, MA, and is a UMass Amherst graduate in legal studies. She wowed judges with her horsemanship skills in 2004 as the winner of the Katie Battison Horsemanship Award. As a junior, Ruth was a student of her mother, Cathy Drumm, and Bob Braswell. A top junior rider, she was 4th at USEF Medal Finals, 6th at the Victor Hugo-Vidal National Horse Show Equitation Championship, and earned countless other top honors in the hunter, jumper, and equitation rings. Ruth lives with her husband and her daughter Lyla in Needham, MA, and competes in the adult equitation with the Woodridge Farm team.



Marie McCoole

2004 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Marie enjoys her job as a R.N. working as the Assistant Nurse Manager for the Developmental Disabilities Unit at Bradley Hospital in East Providence, RI. She also cares for developmentally delayed children who are diagnosed with psychiatric illness. Her passion is caring for and riding horses as well as caring for the kids she works with. In 2004 Marie had a fantastic year as the Adult MHJ Champion and NEEC Reserve Champion. She also enjoys dining out, sailing and her pets. As one of the most well-liked riders in the amateur adult division, Marie was a popular choice for the 2004 Sportsmanship award.



Kelly Cavanaugh-Messier

2004 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

After successful junior years this student of Linda Langmeier established herself as one of the top adult riders in the Northeast. Kelly purchased her horse Bravour as a 3-year-old and after overwhelming success in the adult divisions moved up to the A/Os with equal success. He was fortunate to live out his days with her. Kelly has been competing at the NEEC since the age of 16 and after a reserve championship result in the adults in 2003, she returned in 2004 to earn the top nod. Kelly is also a CHJA Adult Medal Champion and was third at Ariat National Adult Medal Finals. In 2007 she spent two weeks in Germany taking lessons at the farm of Bravour's breeder. The trip was a success and the talented young jumper prospect she brought back as a souvenir became her A/O jumper. Kelly graduated from Quinnipiac University on a full scholarship with a degree in science specializing in Ultrasound. She is employed at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, CT, and married to Josh Messier, a total catch – he sets jumps, clean stalls and grooms!



Hally (Phillips) Trementozzi

2004 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-34

As a junior Hally rode with the likes of Judy Shailor, Steve Heinecke, Missy Clark and Holly Hill. Along with winning the VT Medal Finals she competed both at Harrisburg and Madison Square Garden. A graduate of Tufts in 2002 with a BS in mechanical engineering, she was captain of the equestrian team there. Hally topped her collegiate career by winning the Cacchione Cup in 2000 and later competed in International Student Rider competitions held in Switzerland, Rome, Amsterdam and in NY, where they were overall champions. As an adult she rode with Holly Hill and won the RIHA Finals, South Shore Finals, SEHA Finals and was Reserve Champion at the National Ariat Adult Finals. She graduated from Emory University with her MBA in 2008 and now works in business development for biotech companies. She resides in Lexington, MA with her husband, Jon, and their children Clara and Lucas.



Kim Jungherr

2004 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 35+

For years Kim has had overwhelming success competing at the top of the sport on every horse she's campaigned as a student of Starlite Farm. In the hunters she competed in the A/O's at Harrisburg and Washington with 'Trading Places' and later collected A/O tricolors throughout the East Coast with her beloved Roxanne, who was also her winning mount at the 2004 NEEC. In the jumper ring she's always the one to beat, winning the $25,000 HITS Adult Jumper Classic and the Adult Jumper championship at the M&S National Indoor Finals. Kim is happily married to top judge and grand prix star Mark Jungherr. She has also stepped into the judge's booth herself, as she enjoys judging local shows with her NEHC card. She resides at Starlite's Williston, FL, location in winter and Amesbury, MA, location during the rest of the year, employed as their barn manager and bookkeeper. Still loves showing her horse Dixie when she gets the chance.



Chris Ewanouski

2005 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2005 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Thanks to his mom's interest in horses, Chris began riding at age six. As a junior rider he became the textbook example of the rewards for hard work and perseverance. As a working student for Kathy Fletcher, he was the first rider ever to win both the NEEC and NEEC Horsemanship competitions. After a late start competing on the A circuit, he qualified for all the national equitation championships and was the Reserve Champion of the 2004 MHC Finals. After several years of working for renowned horseman Geoff Teall and his successful show stable, Montoga, Chris has now joined Federico Sztyrle's Napinday Horse Sales, Inc., based out of Wellington in the winter and Lexington, KY in summer. Chris won his first grand prix in Vermont in 2010!



Lucy Coolidge

2005 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Both earnest and genuine, Lucy is one of the most well-liked riders to have competed at the NEEC. She got her start in riding thanks to tagging along to the barn with her big sister, NEEC Champion Nina Coolidge. Lucy has been a student of Kathy Fletcher and the trainers of Grazing Fields Farm. While at boarding school in Virginia, The Madeira School, she rode on the varsity equestrian team and served as captain. As a junior rider she competed at Harrisburg in the USEF Medal Finals and also at the ASPCA Maclay Regionals. She considers the NEEC Sportsmanship Award her biggest achievement as a junior rider and the accomplishment she is most proud of. Lucy is a Rhodes College alum, having majored in history while minoring in French, and was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She graduated from Ole Miss Law School and is finishing up a judicial clerkship at the US District Court before moving back to the East Coast to be closer to family! While not currently riding, she looks forward to an opportunity to get back in the saddle.



Annie Connolly

2005 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2006 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

A graduate of the SCAD, Annie now lives in Ocala, FL, where she operates her equestrian-inspired brand ACE Equestrian and continues to ride and show. Aside from horses and her business, Annie is also very involved in dog rescue, and has her own pack of rescued seniors. She has been part of the Red Acre Farm family with Mitch & Kathy Steege for the past 30+ years and credits them for her and her horses' continued success. She had the opportunity to show New England favorites, Kahlua and One in a Million as a junior and was champion at most major shows with her "horse of a lifetime", Unlisted, on whom she won the 2006 NEEC Younger Adult Medal Finals. "Erik" also went on to deservingly win the Nicholas Lifetime Achievement Award, for which Annie is perhaps most proud.



Jeanine Cash

2005 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-34
2018 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Jeanine has ridden with Holly Hill Farm for over 12 years, and for the past 25 years, has helped run her family-owned business alongside her mother and brother. In addition to being NEEC Reserve Champion in the 1986 Junior Medal Final, Champion in the 2005 Middle Adult Medal and Champion in the 2018 Older Adult Medal, she was Reserve Champion in the NHS Adult Eq Finals. Jeanine was Champion and Grand AO 3'3" Champion at the Kentucky Summer Classic, and has earned multiple WEF Circuit Champion and Reserve Championships. When she's not at the barn, you'll likely find her out birdwatching – she's an avid enthusiast and loves spending time in nature. Jeanine lives with her husband and two dogs, Millie and Sheppie.



Karen DeTemple

2005 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 35+

Karen did not begin her riding career until the age of 22, first in dressage and then turning her focus to jumping after moving to Chicago, then San Francisco, and ultimately Boston. After six years of successful equitation training with Kathy Fletcher and Grazing Fields, including the 2005 NEEC championship and MHC Reserve Championship, Karen moved to Woodridge Farm in 2007 to focus on the jumpers with Greg Prince. Karen is currently a yoga teacher and teaches at several studios in the Boston area and runs a non-profit fundraising consulting business while keeping up with her son Morgan.



Sarah Puckhaber

2006 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Sarah hails from Concord, NH. Throughout her junior career she rode at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT, with trainers Linda Langemier, Jo Holdelridge and Rick Caldwell. She says they taught her the importance of hard work, sportsmanship and responsibility. Sarah graduated from Saint Lawrence University, and is excited to finish up her law degree this year at Florida Coastal Law School. In her leisure she enjoys running and riding when she can. She tells us that the lessons she learned in riding have prepared her for law school and she knows it's a longtime passion that will stay with her for the rest of her life.



Sara Green

2006 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Sara is the winner of the 2010 North American Amateur Equitation Championship at the Capital Challenge. At age 14 She was one of the youngest riders ever to win the NEEC. She is a student of Emil Spadone and her young resume is impressive. As a 13 year old she piloted Saxon Hill to Reserve Champion honors at the National East Coast Junior Hunter Finals while leading the country in the national standings. Aboard Wellington Sara was the 2006 WIHS Grand Junior Hunter Champion and Reserve Champion at Harrisburg. She's earned a USEF Talent Search silver medal, was the winner of the inaugural President's Cup Equitation Classic at the Skidmore Classic and was the 2007 ASPCA Maclay Southeast Regional winner. She was also the 2008 Reserve Champion of the Kathy Scholl Equitation Classic at Lake Placid and winner of both the ASPCA Maclay and USEF Talent Search at the 2009 Devon Horse Show. No slouch in the jumper ring, she was a member of the 2008 Zone 1 Prix de States team at Harrisburg. Sara is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is now firmly back in the show ring!



Danielle Stacy

2006 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Following in the footsteps of her mother (former Maclay Finals competitor and current adult jumper superstar Michelle Stacy), Danielle was one of the top juniors in New England. As a junior and student of Holly Hill, this Ipswich, MA, resident won the SEHA Junior Medal finals and competed at the national equitation championships. She has now moved on to the grand prix ranks and earned prizes at Saratoga and Vermont with Golf 96. Danielle is a Dartmouth College graduate and is currently a student at Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine.



Mary Davis

2006 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Mary grew up outside of Syracuse and was a student of Billy Glass throughout her junior years. While at Skidmore College she was a member of the equestrian team and also competed in the A/O hunters. She relocated to Massachusetts and after a 14-year sabbatical rekindled her interest in riding. Mary married renowned hairdresser Ken Davis and together they opened their Davis Hairdressing in Newton, MA (since voted as one of the top salons in the US and featured in magazines such as Allure) and now have a new location in South Boston. A four-time Ariat National Equitation Finalist (2007-2010), Mary finished as the high point rider in 2007 of Zone 1. She is the 2007 MHC Adult Equitation Champion, 2007 NEEC Reserve Champion and 2011 MHJ 30+ Adult Champion. Mary and her husband enjoy summering at their beach house on Cape Cod with their two sons, Gavin and Clive. Mary is a student of Kristy McCormack Hererra at Oasis Show Stables and is developing a young hunter.



Genna Ruschmeyer Arango

2006 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Genna is a Fairfield University graduate who rode intercollegiately and studied abroad in Australia. As an amateur Genna rode under Armand & Martha Chenelle of Windcrest Farm and was the winner of the 2003 RIHA Medal Finals, several horsemanship awards, and a 6th place finisher in the National Ariat Medal Finals. These days Genna travels the world working for US Nations Cup team member and Pan American gold medalist, Christine McCrea, and her husband John of Windsor Show Stables. Her travels have included Hickstead, Dublin, Barcelona, Rome, Switzerlan, Sweden, and Spruce Meadows. One of her favorite highlights was the 2011 PanAm Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, where Chris was winner of both the team and individual gold medals. Genna is married to Juan Arango and enjoys traveling; she is currently trying to collect Starbucks mugs from as many cities as possible! Genna is currently enjoying life as a mother and working as realtor at Berkshire Hathaway, so her horse time is limited to pony rides and catching the occasional live-streamed class. Right now she enjoys yoga and spending time outdoors with her son when she finds some free time, but she hopes to ride again soon! As always, she looks forward to making an appearance at NEEC to cheer on her sister and connect with old friends.



Dyanna Rucco

2006 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-34

Before turning professional DeeDee was one of the most respected amateur adult riders in the country, as a student of Acres Wild. She was the adult equitation finals winner of the NEEC, MHC, MHJ, RIHA, SEHA and Charles Owen. A graduate of Stonehill College, she was a member of their 2003 IHSA National Championship team and skippered the team her senior year. Humility has long been her trademark as she's always quick to credit her horses and parents for her amazing success. Her folks, Domenic & Jeri Rucco, are two of the most beloved horse show parents in the NE community and when she speaks of them you can certainly hear the admiration in her tenor. Her dad and his DARE Builders built DeeDee a gorgeous stable where she runs her operation, Nevaeh Farm, as a very successful professional rider and trainer, with her students always competitive at finals time. DeeDee and her husband reside in North Easton, MA, with their rescue pup. Adult equitation Hall-of-Famer and was quite simply one of the best adult equitation riders ever.



Barbara Spizzirro

2006 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 35+

Barbara is one of the most well-liked riders in our sport and has established herself as one of the top amateur riders in the Northeast as well. The Harrison, NY, native gained a love for horses from her mother who grew up in England competing in gymkhanas and cross country. With her admired horse Beach Boy she has gone places…from winning the NEEC, to being a multiple ribbon winner in the A/O hunters at the Devon and the National Horse Show, as well as qualifying for Devon and Harrisburg for EIGHT years. She was also a 3rd and 6th place finisher of the Metropolitan Cup at the NHS. There's a new horse in her life now – Hundred Acre, who finished 5th in the PreGreen Incentive in KY last summer. Barbara's 2013 banner season included tricolors at Old Salem-May, Fairfield-June and Ox Ridge; hunter classic wins at Ox Ridge, Fairfield and Vermont (twice); a Vermont Circuit Championship, a Best Adult Rider award at Fairfield, Reserve Champion at Capital Challenge in the WCHR Adult Challenge and winning the NAL Adult Hunter Final at Harrisburg. Away from the show ring Barbara earned her Advanced Certification in Wine & Spirits Education and is pursuing her master's diploma. Barbara, her husband (high school sweetheart) and three children reside in Mamaroneck, NY.



Lindsey deMont

2007 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Lindsey hails from Littleton, MA, and is the daughter of trainer Lauren Stevens. Lindsey and her aunt, Leslie Prinz, are both winners of the NEEC Sportsmanship award. Along her riding journey she's ridden with her mom and benefited from the help of Grazing Fields, Holly Hill, David Oliynyk and Kristen Bumpus. As a junior she was a ribbon winner at the MHC Finals and NEEC and qualified for the Medal & Maclay finals. Lindsey was also a star on the soccer field, earning a scholarship to Merrimack College, where she graduated with a BA in art history and BS in finance. After graduate studies in Italian Renaissance Art History at Syracuse she currently is working on a MA in museum studies at Harvard University. Lindsey turned professional in 2008 and occasionally commutes to New Mexico to ride for her mom's successful show stable there.



Eileen McNamara

2007 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Eileen is a two-time national equitation champion! In 2003 she was the State Line National Children's Medal Champion at the Capital Challenge and in 2008 she returned there to capture the Ariat Adult National Equitation Finals. She has ridden with Holly Hill all her life and is easily one of the most popular and friendliest amateur riders in our sport. En route to qualifying for the big eq finals her last four years as a junior she was a ribbon winner at every local final as well. Her determination is notorious… she placed 6th at the 2006 NEEC five days after breaking her foot (she had to walk the course on crutches)! Eileen is a 2011 cum laude graduate of Wheaton College, where she captained the equestrian team and competed at IHSA Nationals in the Cacchione Cup. She currently lives in Glastonbury, CT working as the Residential Operations Coordinator at Wesleyan University. Eileen generously volunteers her time as a beloved couch of the Boston University Equestrian Team. She has a husky/cattle dog mix named Cody, who loves winter, snow, and squeaky toys, and she recently purchased a new home! Forever and ever one of our favorites.



Jenny Walters

2007 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2018 ADULT MEDAL 28-45

Jenny is the first Vermonter to win the Junior Medal Final. Hailing from Shelburne, she was educated at the Ethel Walker School, Boston College, and UNC Chapel Hill. She has been a student of Linda and Kenny Langmeier for over 20 years. Her wonderful junior equitation horse is now retired with them at Kelianda Farm, and will be featured in an upcoming documentary. There, she became one of the top juniors in the country, ribboning everywhere from WEF to Maclay Finals. She has competed through the Grand Prix level in the jumper ring, and hopes to make it back there one day. Currently, Jenny lives in New York, where she works in finance.



Elysse Ruschmeyer

2007 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2017 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45

Elysse was the second Ruschmeyer sister in as many years to win the coveted NEEC Adult Sportsmanship award. She hails from South Glastonbury, CT, and is a student of Armand & Martha Chenelle's Windcrest Farm. After watching her sister's (fellow sportsmanship winner Genna) interest in the sport she also caught the riding bug. Elysse was the 2004 RI Junior Medal Finals winner and Reserve Champion of the 2007 Adult NEEC. At Fairfield University, she qualified for and competed at the IHSA Nationals in Los Angeles, CA, finishing 4th in the Open Fences. Elyse was the 2011 M&S Adult Medal Finals winner, and was Reserve Champion of the 2012 Ariat National Adult Medal Finals. Today, she operates her own doggie daycare company, known as Canine Campus!



Amanda Powers Harris

2007 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

Amanda had a successful junior career with trainer Kristen Bumpus, winning MHC Finals and showing at Maclay Regionals, Harrisburg, Syracuse and of course the NEEC. In her first year as an adult she reunited with EQ, her junior partner and 2010 Nicholas Award recipient, to win both the MHC Finals and NEEC Finals. While she's been retired from showing for years now, she loves to pop into Arrowhead Farms, hang with Kristen and the gang, and help hack. Amanda resides in Boston and is currently a Vice President at Prosek Partners, a PR firm specializing in financial and professional services.



Jean Sheptoff

2007 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-34

Jean was a top junior rider under the tutelage of Tim Kees, earning ribbons at the USEF Medal Finals and USET Talent Search and was also the Reserve Champion of the Zone 1 ASPCA Maclay Regionals. She earned both a BS in marketing and a MBA from Bentley College and currently owns and operates Newbury Farm with husband/trainer Cory Hardy. As an amateur rider she has earned top wins and tri-colors in both the Amateur Owner Jumpers and Hunter divisions at top shows such as the National Horse Show, Harrisburg, WEF, and the Hampton Classic.



Abigail Crowell

2008 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

For as long as we can remember this East Dennis native has been winning. Thanks to her grandfather's gifts of a hunt cap and a riding lesson she picked up riding at the age of five. As a student of Holly Hill for 10+ years she had a successful junior career, qualifying for all the national equitation finals and winning both the SEHA and CCHHS Medal Finals. Abby also was a USET silver medalist, was 7th at the NEEC, 9th in the Monarch Intl Eq Championships and High Point Rider for the Show Circuit National Children's Medal. Abby graduated from Boston College in 2012 and currently lives in Boston working for a health care company. Hard worker, great rider and simply one of the nicest kids to come out of the New England junior program.



Matt Metell

2008 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Along with his NEEC win Matt was the 2009 USEF Talent Search Finals Champion! In 2008 he was one of the top junior riders in the nation. After a win in the North American Junior Equitation Championships at the Capital Challenge he went on to notch reserve championships at both the USEF Medal Finals and the USEF Talent Search Finals, as well as a 3rd place finish at the WIHS Finals. Hailing from Falmouth, MA, Matt began as a student of Kathy Fletcher and Grazing Fields. He then began as a working student for Andre Dignelli and Heritage Farm and later joined the team at Heritage Farm, working for Dignelli as a professional. When not riding he enjoys skiing, snowmobiling and snowboarding in the winters and dirt-biking, target/skeet shooting and boating during summers on the Cape. Matt is a Sacred Heart University graduate with bachelor's degrees both in finance and economics. He is currently employed with professional Teddy Demetriou.



Jackie O'Connell

2008 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Jackie hails from Saunderstown, RI, and is a graduate of Texas A&M where she was a 4-year member of their Division 1 National Champion equestrian team and served as the fence captain for two of those years. As a junior rider she qualified in the hunters for indoors and the National Junior Hunter Finals and in the equitation she qualified for the Medal, Maclay and USET Finals multiple years. As an adult rider she's won championships in adult equitation at WEF and was victorious in the Low Junior/AO Jumper Classic at the Skidmore Classic Show. Outside of horses, she ran the Blessing of the Fleet: a 10 mile run in RI for charities and has been involved in community service such as the RI Animal Rescue League. After beginning her career in sports, she recently began a new role at Morgan Stanley and returned to the world of horses as well. After a seven year hiatus, she even stepped into the ring at Ocala this winter!



JoJo Gutfarb

2008 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

As a junior JoJo earned the reserve championship in the MHC Finals and was a top 25 finisher at the USEF National Equitation Finals. Her junior career was capped by a trip to the ASPCA Maclay Finals in Syracuse. As an adult she's been equally as impressive, placing 7th in the MHC Medal Finals and winning the NEEC. JoJo is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College where she captained the varsity equestrian team and rode in the Cacchione Cup class at IHSA Nationals representing Zone 1, Region 3. JoJo interned for the New England Patriots and Sports Illustrated in college doing public relations. She is now Vice President at Goodwin Group PR and continues to work for the Patriots during the football season. JoJo returned to the show ring to compete in the 2015 Alumni Class, showing for the first time since 2008! Naturally, she rode her winning junior and adult equitation mount Star, who recently retired at the age of 20.



Bonnie McCabe

2008 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 36+

After a successful junior career in the 3'6" equitation she continued her winning ways in the amateur adult ring winning the 1987 CT Adult Medal Finals under the tutelage of Becky Andrews and Hillfield Farm. It was then that she took a 10-year hiatus to pursue a career in floral design and now runs Floral Accents of Glastonbury (if you haven't seen her beautiful work, head to the NEEC vendor area now!). Bonnie resides with her husband Michael, their two children: Jaclyn and James, and a bevy of Jack Russells. When her daughter began riding in 2003 at Windcrest Farm with Armand & Martha Chenelle, Bonnie decided to return to the sport as well. Her competitive edge took over and the rest is history – the 2008 NEEC title! She has also won a Palm Beach Adult Medal at WEF, an adult hunter championship and Best Adult Rider award at St. Clement's Saratoga and qualified for the National Ariat Adult Equitation Finals. She always has great travels to report and a recent voyage to Holland was our favorite because she returned with a fancy youngster that she's already winning on.



Larissa Laffey

2009 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2009 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

We have nothing but respect and admiration for the individual who not only exemplifies sportsmanship but also leads by example in the knowledge of quality horsemanship. This Byfield, MA, resident has been riding since the age of two, when she wanted to spend as much time as possible with her family at Evenstride Farm. Larissa graduated from Kansas State University in 2014, majoring in chemical engineering and minoring in French. After a successful junior career she competed for the Kansas State Equestrian Team at the Varsity Equestrian National Championships, earning 1st team Academic All-American and Honorable Mention All-American Flat honors. She currently rides hunters and eventers and works as a Trainer and Engineering Project Manager in Tulsa, OK.



Samantha Smith

2009 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2011 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

Samantha joined the University of South Carolina NCAA equestrian team in 2012 to compete in both flat and fences. In her first semester, she decided it was best to redshirt to become more familiar with the team setting. After her redshirt semester, she became a First, Second, and Third-year letter winner, accumulated 10 MVPs from competitions, and was voted Equitation MVP by the team at our team banquet. She competed all four years at the Southeastern Conference Championships and NCEA National Championships and was part of the wins in 2013 & 2014 for the SEC and part of the win for the NCEA National Championship in 2015. During breaks from school, Samantha returned home and ride for fun at a couple of local barns. After graduating from the University of South Carolina in 2016, she moved back home and underwent minor back surgery, and lost touch with riding. She's recently taken up riding again for fun and for the love of horses at Cedar Brook Farm, all thanks to Sydney and Kristi Smith, as well as her parents and fiancé, Joseph Palmer. Since moving home, she's worked alongside her father at the family company and spend most of her time with her family and two dogs.



Cynthia Stiglitz

2009 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Cynthia is a Simsbury, CT native who splits her time between Berkley, MA and seaside Onset, MA. Training with Kathy Fletcher and the Grazing Fields staff, she has become a force in the adult equitation division with a victory at the 2006 MHC Adult Medal Finals and top ten finishes in other finals. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics from Virginia Tech and is Vice President of Farm Credit East, an agricultural bank. In addition to riding, Cynthia enjoys spending her free time with her husband Chris and their daughters Brooke and Lucy, and swimming with their dog Hokie.



Kelsey Landrigan

2009 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

A working student for years, Kelsey worked her way to the 2009 New England Equitation Championship. She hails from Marshfield, MA, and after a start riding a pony as a 4-year-old in her grandparents' backyard she began her horse show pursuit. As a junior she qualified for the national equitation finals but began winning big as an amateur adult. In 2009 along with her NEEC win she won the MHJ Adult Championship, was 3rd in the MHC Championships and was the HITS Ocala Reserve Circuit Champion in the younger adult equitation. She is also a two-time qualifier of the USEF Talent Search. Kelsey hopes to one day ride in the grand prix division. As a young professional she has earned a HITS Ocala Circuit Championship in the jumpers, the 2011 Zone 1 Performance Horse 3'6"-3'9" Horse of the Year honors, won the 5k Devocoux Hunter Prix in Ocala and qualified for the Hunter Derby Finals.



Ellie Knight

2009 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-40

Amazingly, Ellie didn't begin riding until the age of 27! She's made up for lost time with success in both the equitation and jumper rings. Along with her NEEC tricolor she's had lots of success in the jumper ring with Rascal, a horse her trainer Linda Langmeier brought along from a 6-year-old. Over the past three seasons Ellie has won top ribbons throughout the east coast including WEF, Old Salem, Lake Placid, Hampton Classic and the Fidelity Classic. She's enjoyed much success at WEF, with an A/O Jumper Classic win and a championship this past winter in the medium A/Os. Ellie holds both bachelors and MBA degrees. She tells us she mostly owes her riding success to Kenny and Linda Langmeier. "They are true horsemen, incredible riders, and exceptional teachers who have helped me become the rider I am today." Ellie lives in Marlborough, CT with her wonderful husband, three dogs, and son Gavin, and rides when she can.



Wendy Wood

2009 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 41+

Wendy rides and keeps her horses at her home farm in Hamilton, MA. She's currently competing in the a/o hunters and jumpers. In addition to her two showing horses, she has a few retirees – including 29-year-old Coritaan, who she won the medal final on in 2009! Wendy considers herself fortunate to have had the amazing and ever patient help of Kristi Smith and Mark Jungherr. She's also been the MFH of the Myopia Hunt since 2017.



Carly Corbacho

2010 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Carly hails from Boston, MA and is a graduate of Boston University, where she captained the BU Equestrian Team. Carly enjoyed a successful junior career as a student of Woodridge Farm's Cookie Desimone, Greg Prince and Sarah Summers ("the best trainers in all the land!"), qualifying for both USEF and Maclay Finals. As an amateur adult she continued her winning ways. She was a two-time Reserve Champion at MHJ Adult Medal Finals, third in the 2013 NEEC, and in 2014 was third at Ariat Finals as well as Reserve Champion in the IHSA Cacchione Cup. These days, Carly has traded in her amateur card and is a trainer at the Dana Hall School. Outside of horses, she is passionate about Minions and her frenchie, Buoy!



Sylvia DeToledo

2010 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Sylvia is from New York City and was a winner of the 2010 NEEC junior title under the tutelage of Jim Toon and Holly Brewster. As a child she learned to ride at Topping Riding Club near her home in Bridgehampton, NY. It wasn't long before Sylvia made a name for herself nationally as the winner of the THIS National Children's Medal Finals at the Capital Challenge Horse Show. She went on to several top equitation finishes including a third place finish in both the 2012 USEF Talent Search Finals and 2012 Sam Edelman Equitation Championships, the reserve championship honors in both the 2010 ASPCA Maclay Regional and OSF Governor's Cup, and the sixth place award in the 2010 North American Equitation Championship. Sylvia is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, where she rode on the NCAA equestrian team and was a four year NCEA All-American. Of her riding career she's quick to praise: "Thank you to my friends, family, and trainers, without whom none of this would have been possible." Sylvia now works as an Investment Banking Analyst at Moelis & Company in New York, NY.



Maggie McManus

2010 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

This Horsemanship Champion hails from Topsfield, MA. After graduating from high school, Maggie took a year off from academia to be a working student for trainer Shane Powell of Evermoor, LLC. With his help she earned a top ten placing at the MHC Championships, won the NEEC Horsemanship and was a Harrisburg and Regionals qualifier aboard her horse, Campidano. Maggie graduated from Randolph College in Lynchburg, VA and received her Master's degree from Merrimack College in clinical mental health counseling. She works as a therapist for teenagers, currently for incarcerated teen boys. She retains her professional status and is a licensed riding instructor in Mass. You'll find her occasionally teaching lessons but is mostly semi-retired from horses.



Kristin Amichetti

2010 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Kristin is from Townsend, MA, and is a student of Cory Hardy and Newbury Farm. As a junior she qualified for the USEF Medal Finals and Maclay Regionals and at the NEEC she was in the top ten in the Horsemanship competition for two years. Academically Kristin graduated top ten in her high school class and was accepted into a 5-Year MBA program at Bentley University, where she will be a junior this year. Outside of riding she enjoys going out with her friends, running, and "relaxing on the rare occasions when I'm not crazy with work and school." She looks forward to graduating from college and hopes to get back into the saddle ASAP!



Tobi Stall

2010 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Tobi, one of the most well-liked adults competing in the NEEC, resides in Portsmouth, RI with husband Bill and son, Bennett. As a junior in the 70's she rode with Fred & Pam Hunt at Charisma Farm ("Monica was a baby in a crib in the tack room!"). Tobi has won three sportsmanship awards over her riding career: as a child she won the award at Briggs Stable in Hanover, MA; as an adult rider she won the Sandy Point Stables award; finally she won the NEEC's coveted sportsmanship award. Tobi is a ten-time (October) Boston Marathon finisher, raising money for the Jimmy Fund. The Babson College graduate works as a wedding consultant at Exquisite Events, and helps to maintain a beautiful home on Ocean Drive in Newport, RI. In her leisure time, she enjoys working out and loves her Lab/Boxer mix rescue dog named Groot. She returned to the sport of riding because of her dad, Dick Stall, who was a longtime supporter of the NEEC (he made the NEEC's first banner!) and although has since passed, continues to be an inspiration in her life.



Mariel Saccucci

2010 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22
2014 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-45
2023 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45
2025 ALUMNI CLASS, TEAM

Mariel is a three-time winner of the NEEC Adult Amateur Finals, 2023 NEEC Adult Grand Champion, and 40th Anniversary Alumni Class participant. Under the watchful eye of Amy Eidson, Mariel won the 18-22 division (2010) as well as high point adult rider award out of over 200 riders. She was victorious in the 23-45 division (2014) riding with Annie Dotoli & Aster Pieters of Tibri while her mount, Gandhi owned by Caroline Calhoun, won best adult equitation horse. A proud member of Tibri since 2013, Mariel rounded out the decade by capturing the MHC 18-30 (2021), MHC 30+ (2023), and MHJ 30+ (2023) adult championships. Mariel is also the 2012 CHJA, MHJ 18-30, and RI Adult Amateur Medal Finals Champion, winning high score award at CHJA Finals and RIEC under the tutelage of fellow NEEC alum, DeeDee Rucco. Her most proud achievement is winning the 2024 National Horse Show 22-35 Adult Equitation Championship. Professionally, Mariel is a brand and product marketing strategist. In her leisure time, Mariel enjoys yoga, Patriots football, and learning to golf with her loving partner, Dave. She wants to send a special thank you to her parents, Mike & Bonnie Saccucci, and Amy & John Eidson for their continued support over the years.



Kara DeLaurentis Golden

2010 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-40

Growing up in Madison, CT, Kara fell in love with horses at 8 years old and has been in the saddle ever since. Over the years, she has earned top honors at the NEEC Adult Medal Finals (23-40), CHJA Adult Medal Finals, and ribbons at both the Ariat and M&S Finals. A proud Skidmore College graduate, Kara balances her career as Director of Business Development at her family's business, Tiger Home & Building Inspections, with her passion for riding. She and her husband, Erik, live in Farmington, CT with their two rescue Labs. Kara now competes in the jumper ring, training with Joanna Seaver at Six Hearts LLC.



Jenny Iverson Schwartz

2010 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 41+

Jenny is originally from Rancho Santa Fe, CA, and had an illustrious junior career as a student of Hap Hansen, Sandy Aston and Tim Kees. She was 2nd at the 1984 ASPCA Maclay Finals at Madison Square Garden and was also a 5th place finisher at the USET Finals. She competed in the junior hunter divisions at indoors from 1981 to 1984 and was also a contender in the junior jumper ring, securing championships at Devon, Southampton, Killington, Tampa and the Washington Intl Horse Show. Most notably, in 1984 Jenny captured all three blues at Harrisburg, winning the Individual, Speed and Team championship, a feat still yet to be repeated. Jenny has served as the President of the Board of Directors of New Canaan Mounted Troop, a nonprofit riding stable in New Canaan, CT, where both her daughters ride, and she recently became the Development Director of NCMT to expand their fundraising efforts. Jenny co-founded Equestrian Neightion, an equestrian lifestyle brand for kids who are passionate about horses. She and her husband Kevin reside in Darien, CT, have been married for over 20 years, and have three children: Amanda, Jamie, and Stephanie.



Nikki Ayoub

2011 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

As a student of Grazing Fields' Kathy Fletcher and Laurel Tinney, Nikki was a successful junior who competed at the USEF Medal and ASPCA Maclay finals. She also was a MHC Finals top 20 finalist and a member of the silver medal winning NEEC Challenge of the States team. Nikki is a graduate of Thayer Academy, where she was an honor student all four years and also ski raced competitively. She is currently studying engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Charlotte Keesler

2011 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Charlotte hails from Concord, MA, and is a student at Washington & Lee University in Virgina. She caught the riding bug from her mom, Anne, who is a top adult rider in MA. As a student of Stoneymeade's Joyce Mersereau and Sarah Tyndall, Charlotte successfully competed at the USEF Medal, ASPCA Maclay and USEF Talent Search Finals. While at college she won the Rookie of the Year award for team riding in the ODAC League, won one of the scholar athlete awards and was top 20 percent of her freshman class. She was also inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honors society! In her leisure she loves to ski, play tennis with her dad, hang out with friends, "and go to horse shows with Momma Kees, of course".



Kate Stento

2011 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Kate grew up in Wellesley, MA and is the oldest of four children in her family. Since the age of 11 she's ridden under the watchful eyes of Woodridge Farm's Cookie DeSimone, Greg Prince and Sarah Summers. As a junior rider Kate competed in the USEF Medal Finals and ASPCA Maclay Finals (after finishing in the top 15 at the ASPCA Regionals). She's most proud, however, to be the recipient of many sportsmanship awards, including the prestigious NEEC junior sportsmanship and various IEA sportsmanship awards. She was also the two-time recipient of the Marsman Award in high school as well. Kate is a graduate of the Dana Hall School, where she captained their IEA team for three years. At Boston College, Kate was the Captain and President of her IHSA team. Kate graduated in 2015 with a major in English, and will begin her Masters in Education at Boston College this fall. These days, you'll find her in the Adult Jumper ring on Bixby Way.



Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kenny

2011 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2011 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2019 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2022 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45

Lizzie rides at Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA where she's also a 6th Grade Math and Science Teacher, and teaches Middle School Horsemanship. She got her undergraduate degree at Bowdoin College in Environmental Science, and a Master's in Education from Lesley University. At Bowdoin, she was co-president of the Bowdoin Outing Club her senior year. In addition to New England Finals wins, Lizzie was 7th at the 2022 Ariat National Medal Finals, 3rd 2022 MHJ Finals, and won the 2024 MHC Adult Medal 30+. When she's not riding or teaching, she enjoys outdoor adventures such as kayaking, hiking, and skiing, crocheting, and hanging out with her pet hedgehog.



Amanda Groher

2011 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Amanda is a CT native living in NYC where she is pursuing a career in the fashion industry. Along with her NEEC sportsmanship award she is a former winner of the CHJA Junior Medal Finals and was Reserve Champion of the NEEC in 2010 and 2011 under the tutelage of Linda Langmeier, Joanna Seaver and Kyla Makhloghi. A Fairfield University graduate, Amanda studied abroad in Madrid, Spain for four months and traveled all throughout Europe. In her leisure she enjoys running, reading traveling and going out with friends. "I thank my parents and sister for their continued support over the years, and a huge thanks to the Langmeier family and all of Kelianda Farm for the amazing opportunities they have given me!"



Julia Gildea

2011 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-40

Julia hails from Lexington, MA, and is a student of Holly Hill Farm's Cathy Grady, Patti Harnois and Caitlin Venezia. Her mother was an equestrian and passed her interest on to Julia, bringing her along for lessons at age seven. She is a University of Connecticut graduate who rode on the IHSA team there all four years and in 2008 qualified for the IHSA Nationals in Los Angeles where she finished 6th. Julia is a graduate of Bentley College and currently works for Deloitte and Touche as an Audit Senior. She recently bought her first home in Waltham, MA. This summer, she moved into the jumper ring aboard Golf 96 and won multiple classics!



Meredith Lipke

2011 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 41+

Riding has been a part of Meredeith's life since age ten with the good fortune to learn from many talented trainers including Francis "Butch" Manley, Charles P. Graham, Doris Clark, SBS Farms, Kristy McCormack Herrera, David Oliynyk and Louise Serio. Wonderful horses and ponies have taken her from the Erie County Fair riding large pony Bobby Sox to the National Horse Show Amateur Owners with Once And Again and The Specialist, to the NEEC Finals aboard Accomplice, and USHJA Hunter Derby Championships High Point Amateur with Sundance. She is currently competing with new mount For Love and Eleventh Hour in the Amateur Owner division.



Alex Carlton

2012 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2019 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Thanks to her mom's lifelong love of horses Alex has ridden for as long as she can remember, residing at their farm in Madison, CT. As a student of Kristi Smith and Mark Jungherr, she has had well-rounded success. She competed at all the indoors in the junior hunters from 2008-2012, as well as earning prizes at Devon. In the equitation she qualified for the Medal & Maclay Finals from 2008-2012, was a three-time Talent Search qualifier and competed at the WIHS Equitation Finals as well. She posted wins at the M&S Junior Medal Finals as well as a reserve championship at the PHA Medal Finals and had top ten finishes at the Maclay Regionals, Junior NEEC, RW Mutch Equitation Championship (4th twice!). We also love that she was a four-time NEEC Horsemanship finalist (twice the reserve champion). Alex graduated from UVM in 2016, and is about to finish her law degree at George Washington University. In college, she won the Cacchione Cup, and also won her first Grand Prix in 2018! In 2019, she was not only Champion of her NEEC age group, but was overall Grand Adult Champion as well!



Michael Janson

2012 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2013 JUNIOR SPORSTMANSHIP

Michael Janson from Berkley, MA, has been a student of Paul Valiere, David Oliynyk and his mom for years. Michael had his start on a saint of a pony named Sugar at age four. As a junior rider Michael has been the Equitation Finals winner of the NEHJA, MHJ, RIHA, SEHA and our very own New England Equitation Championships. He's qualified for the USEF Medal, ASPCA Maclay and USEF Talent Search Finals five years in a row. He's finished in the top ten at the North American Championship (Capital Challenge), PHA Medal Finals, Maclay Regionals and USET Talent Search Finals, not to mention callbacks at the Maclay Finals, the George Morris Excellence in Equitation and Kathy Scholl Equitation Championship. He was selected for the Emerging Athletes Program. Michael won his first grand prix in June, 2013. Michael is known for his great character and sportsmanship. Outside the show ring he has been equally successful. He was selected to be part of an emerging leader group hosted by Congress, selected because of his academic success and leadership potential, and attended President Obama's Inauguration with this group. A lover of football, he played for seven years and was on two New England Championship winning teams before devoting himself fully to riding. He is currently a student at Boston University, where he competes on the IHSA team.



Nicole Stamm

2012 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Nikki graduated from veterinary school in Ireland in 2017. She currently practices small animal medicine in Westwood, MA, where she has been working since 2018. Nikki's life is run by 3 chaotic, but very cute, corgis and an adorable lab mix. She currently competes in the adult hunters and equitation with her second horse of a lifetime "MacGyver". NEEC is one of her favorite finals!



Melissa Welch

2012 ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Melissa rides with the team at Dana Hall School and is a proud member of the group of adults who won't let Cookie DeSimone retire. She's had great success as an amateur adult, winning the SEHA, MHJ and Cape Cod Hunter Adult Medal Finals, as well as the MHC Reserve Championship. She considers herself lucky to hack with several barns and trainers in Boston metro west area. Melissa is an executive assistant for the CEO at a cybersecurity company and loves her job. When she's not working or riding, Melissa spends time with family or taking awesome trips with her pony pal friends to places like Europe, the islands and South America.



Colin Quinlan

2012 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

Colin hails from Cohasset, MA, but currently resides in Chestnut Hill, MA, as a member of the class of 2015 at Boston College, studying marketing and finance. Through his mom's encouragement he was enrolled in riding lessons at a young age and fell in love with the sport. Aside from his NEEC adult championship he also finished 4th here as a junior. Colin has earned ribbons at Devon, Lake Placid, Saugerties and Ocala, qualifying for the USEF Medal Finals and the ASPCA Maclay Finals. In his leisure he enjoys skiing, surfing, going to the beach and spending time on his boat. He's also interested in photography. As for riding goals, Colin looks to return to the sport after entering the "real world" and hopefully buy his own horses.



Gwen Goodwin

2012 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-40

Gwen is from Candia, NH and has been riding with Gretchen Anderson of Apple Knoll Farm since she was 14 years old. Gwen teaches STEM to inner city kids and loves their sense of humor. Most days consist of hearing "Yo Miss G, how you doin'?" and pretending to be angry that they have zip-tied one another to their chairs. Since her win in 2012, Gwen has been blessed to add the most wonderful and supportive husband, two amazing kids, more horses, extra dogs (she's never without a corgi in tow), another advanced degree, and a small Florida farm to the mix. The days are long but so full of chaos, laughter, love and happiness.



Amy Cooper

2012 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 40+

Amy grew up in Wellesley, MA, where she first learned to ride with Cookie DeSimone. She later enjoyed a successful junior career with Nancy Ciesluk, competing at one of the first NEEC and all the big eq finals for several years. She went on to win in the A/O hunters with her young horse Seville. After a 15-year hiatus, Amy returned to riding and showing. Her recent accomplishments include winning the MHC, SEHA and MHJ Finals. She is a six-time qualifier for the Ariat National Adult Finals, finishing in the top ten at finals several years. In 2014, Amy was the Ariat Reserve Champion, as well as Adult Eq Champion at WEF. Amy had a blast in the 2015 Alumni class, where she finished third. She and her husband Joe currently enjoy wintering in Wellington and spending the summer on Martha's Vineyard. Amy shares her love of riding with her daughters Ali, a former NEEC competitor, and Liza. Amy rides with Kristy McCormack Herrera and is excited to compete at WEF on her young horse!



John Porter

2013 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

John Porter hails from Somers, CT and is a student of Norfield Farm and Timmy Kees, Molly Ashe Cawley, Chris Cawley and Rory Lenihan. He began taking riding lessons at the age of four after years of playing with his neighbors' horses. John counts winning New England Finals and Taylor Harris National Children's Medal Finals as his greatest riding accomplishments thus far, and hopes to have a successful showing at indoors and USET Finals this year. Outside of riding, his interests are swimming and skiing, and he has made the honor roll each semester of high school so far!



Abby Bertelson

2013 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2014 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

Weston resident Abby Bertelson enjoyed a successful junior equitation career under the guidance of Cookie DeSimone and Greg Prince at Woodridge Farm. In her last junior year, Abby ribboned at both USEF Medal and WIHS Equitation Finals and was third in the Hunterdon Cup. Abby also won the MHJ Junior and Adult Medal Championship. At 2013 NEEC, she not only won the Horsemanship, but also the Judge's Choice Award, and the Open Eq for the second year in a row. The following year, she rode her junior eq horse Brody to a decisive victory in the Younger Adult Medal. Abby is a graduate of Stanford University, where she was the Captain of the equestrian team, and works for Zillow. Needless to say, Brody is stabled nearby.



Gareth Benshoff Randall

2013 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Gareth rode with Kristen Bumpus and Arrowhead Farms her whole junior and short adult career. She credits Kristen for her riding success and teaching her valuable life lessons she uses in her everyday life. A moment Gareth will never forget is watching her horse EQ win the 2010 Nicholas Award at New England Finals. While in college she rode on the Endicott Team, but since graduating in 2016 she has been out of the show ring. She now works at an independent school on the north shore. Gareth has lived in Marblehead since 2019 and is a mom to a young daughter. In her free time, she enjoys skiing and boating with her family and is training for a half marathon.



Kim Miller

2013 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Kim Miller grew up in Weston, MA with horses in her backyard, thanks to her mom's passion for riding. She is incredibly grateful to her mother, who gave up everything so she could ride as a junior. "It changed my life forever!" She currently lives in Westborough, MA and rides with the Holly Hill team: Cathy Grady, Patti Harnois, Caitlin Venezia, Jesse Vannucci and Sussudio York. She also gives a special thank you to Wendy Palmer for keeping everyone organized and healthy! Her proudest riding achievement was her entire 2013 show season – "I won more in that one year than I had the previous 30 years. Good boy Vincent!" She purchased Vincent to segue into the hunters; as it turns out, he's a pretty excellent equitation horse as well. Kim holds a BS in Business Management and is currently writing a book about consulting skills based largely on what she learned from a lifetime of riding applied to business. She is a proud mother of son, Ryan, who just began college at Westfield State.



Kelly Lively

2013 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22

Kelly Lively, from Holliston, MA, was introduced to riding at age 5 by her mom, who grew up with horses in the backyard and who rides together with Kelly now. Kelly trains with Jeff Di Carlo and Tom Lamberti out of Fallen Oak Farm and is enjoying the process of bringing along her young horse. Outside the ring, Kelly is a brand lead at a pharmaceutical company and lives in Boston. She graduated magna cum laude from Haverford College in 2013 with a degree in chemistry and has an MBA from Yale.



Kristi Lyons-Kwon

2013 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-45

Kristi Lyons-Kwon fell in love with horses riding in the apple orchards of her hometown, Wilbraham, MA. Today, she lives in Boston, MA and rides with Kathy Fletcher. Her proudest riding achievements include winning NEEC, winning MHJ Finals, and winning the High Amateur Jumpers at Fidelity, Saratoga, HITS and Florida. These days she rides for fun, showing a few times a year and making a point to get down to WEF for a week in the winter. This year, she qualified for Ariat Finals. She was a Math and Econ Major at Wheaton College and earned her MBA from Babson. She is a medical device sales rep and enjoys running and working out in her spare time. Kristi recently ran the Boston Marathon in a qualifying time of 3:23:30!



Laura Kadane

2013 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Originally from New York, Laura Kadane has been in the Boston area for 35 years. As a junior, she competed at Medal and Maclay finals under the tutelage of Mark Jungherr, then took a whopping 27 years off before returning to ride with Olana Laffey. Her horse, Upper Ten, was found by Olana when he was a mere four years old. Eight years later, and with the help of Andrea Mank, he has emerged as a "once in a lifetime" partner for Laura! Together they won both MHC and NEEC Finals, along with the Zone 1 and NEHC Championships several times in the Adult Hunters and 3'3" A/Os. This past summer, they added a Derby win to the list! Laura believes she is the oldest NEEC Champion to date (though you'd never know by looking at her!), and she says the community of women and friendships she's gained through competing at NEEC has enriched her life immeasurably. In her non-riding world she holds an MSW from BU and is a professional singer. We have had the good fortune of hearing her sing the National Anthem at NEEC for the past several years.



Caroline Johnson

2014 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Caroline grew up in Grafton, MA, with horses in her backyard. Caroline has been not only demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship but horsemanship as well, and was the 2013 NEEC Practicum winner as well as a National Finalist in the 2012 and 2013 USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge. She was also a National Finalist for the USHJA Emerging Athletes Program in 2014. Caroline rides on the reigning SEC championship University of Georgia NCAA Equestrian Team. Caroline continues her horsemanship journey with her two horses, George and Morris, and despite a bad fall resulting in a broken femur, she looks forward to returning to the NEEC! Outside the ring, Caroline is working towards becoming an orthodontist and has completed several internships in the Boston area.



Mckayla Langmeier

2014 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2018 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

The daughter of renowned riders Linda and Kenny Langmeier, Mckayla says she "got into riding for my mom and dad." Mckayla competed in her first NEEC at the age of nine, and won in 2014 at the ripe old age of 14. She and Linda are the first mother/daughter duo to claim victory in the NEEC Junior Finals! This 15 year old superstar from East Granby, CT has made quite a name for herself in the junior ring, winning Maclay Finals, Team Gold at Young Riders, Reserve Champion at USEF Medal Finals, third at WIHS Finals, countless Devon and Indoors wins, and tricolors at virtually every major show up and down the East Coast. Mckayla attends East Granby High School, and finished second (to her mom!) in the 2015 Alumni Class. In 2017, Mckayla won USET Finals and was second at WIHS Finals. This year, she is competing in Grand Prix classes and won the Bronze medal at Young Riders.



Sunny Drescher

2014 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2015 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Sunny Drescher, of Hinesbury VT, is a student of Annie Dotoli and Aster Pieters. She began riding at the age of seven with Mindy Hinsdale of Charlotte, VT. She counts her greatest riding accomplishments as: EAP Champion 2013, 7th place in the NEEC 2013 and 2014 Junior Finals, HITS Ocala Equitation Challenge Winner 2015, and, of course, winning the 2014 NEEC Horsemanship Challenge. In her spare time, Sunny likes to run, hike, and ski, and hopes one day to be a professional rider and trainer. Sunny is currently studying at Dartmouth College and hopes to attend law school upon graduation to pursue a career in public service.



Alexa Bayko

2014 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Alexa rides at Cornerstone Farm with Monica Hunt, where she's ridden her entire career. Her aunt gave her a gift certificate for one lesson at Cornerstone, and the rest was history! The last time she competed at New England finals was also when she became a professional. She's loved having the opportunity to bring along young horses, competing in international derbies and more recently, being in the jumper ring. She considers her greatest riding accomplishments to be winning Junior Hunter Finals aboard her own Crespo, winning the MHC Mini and Adult Medal Finals, two top 10 Ariat Finals ribbons, three NEEC ribbons, and 7th and 8th place finishes in the $250,000 HITS Hunter Prix Finals.



Cindi Boudreau

2014 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Cindi grew up in Wellesley and now lives with her husband on a golf course in Hingham, where she dabbles in her other passion-golf! She rides with the Grazing Fields team and is proud to say she owns THE most wonderful adult horse Church Road, also known as Buddy Boudreau. Cindi began riding as a teenager in Dover, MA, but didn't own her own horse until Carl Catani sold her a little grey OTTB named Sparky whom he allegedly won in a card game. She trained under Kathy Fletcher, who eventually became her roommate, along with Mike Fletcher. After a considerable hiatus from the riding world, Kathy reeled her back in and Cindi has never looked back. She is so grateful for all the friends she has made throughout the New England riding community. When she's not at the barn or on the golf course, Cindi can be found at Boston Financial Data Services, where she serves as the Managing Director of the Proxy Solutions business. Although she has served on numbers boards and committees and won awards for her work, she says, "no honor eclipses hearing your name called for the NEEC Adult Sportsmanship Award."



Mindy Whitman

2014 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Mindy grew up in Sherborn, MA, showing in the Pony Hunters in the 60s. She moved on to the Junior Hunters and equitation with Jay Sargent before moving on to Colorado while in College. She then spent 15 years raising her children Courtney, Anna, and Georden in Colorado. Daughter Anna became a rider and the mother daughter duo successfully showed together throughout the south, but always returned to Cape Cod in the summers to show with Grazing Fields. She won last year's finals aboard Herrold, and now shows him in the Derbies and the 3'3" A/O Hunters. Mindy lives on the Cape, but has the good sense to spend her winters in Ocala, FL!



Olivia van der Meer

2015 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Born and raised in Medway, MA, Olivia is the daughter (and student!) of Cyndi & Frake van der Meer. Her successful junior career included two top three finishes at MHC Finals, a first place finish in the National Hunter Derby, winning Cape Cod Hunter Finals, and numerous tricolors in the junior hunter ring. Olivia is now a sophomore at UMass Dartmouth, where she competes on the equestrian team and hopes to one day win the Cacchione Cup! She also works at a hospital in the anesthesia department and loves dancing, meeting new people, taking exercise classes, and nannying. We love seeing her smiling face at NEEC, and look forward to seeing her in the Adult ring!



Falvey Brennan

2015 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Falvey grew up riding with Tina Talbot, who took her from Short Stirrup all the way through her junior years. After graduating high school, she became a working student for Greg Prince and Cookie DeSimone at Woodridge Farm. She looks forward to attending Stonehill College, where she may compete on the Equestrian Team.



Samantha Cohen

2015 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Sammy lives in New York City and attends the Trinity School. An accomplished junior already, she rides with Stacia Madden in the equitation and Laura Kraut in the jumpers. Some of her riding highlights include winning the NEEC and the Kathy Scholl Equitation Championship, as well as top ten finishes in the Zone 2 Regionals, USET Finals, and the Hunterdon Cup. Sammy has recently been focusing on the jumper ring, and has been selected to represent the USA at the FEI Nations Cup Youth Final in Belgium after winning the team gold and individual silver medals at the NAYC. She was a high junior jumper champion at WEF in 2018, won the 2017 Junior Jumper Welcome Stake at Harrisburg, and has had top placings in U25 and 2*/3* Grand Prix. She also participated in the 2018 George Morris Horsemastership program in Wellington. When she's not riding, Sammy likes to hang out with friends and family and play volleyball.



Claudia Tarrant

2015 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Hailing from Colchester, VT, Claudia is a student of Ashley Conway and Annie Dotoli. Claudia graduated from high school in 2016 on the high honor role, and was VP of her school's National Honor Society chapter and captain of the lacrosse team. Outside the barn, she volunteers in the Pediatrics department of UVM and enjoys running, indoor cycling, waterskiing, and time with friends and family. She is passionate about caring for her horses on the ground, and loves nothing more than to spend time on the ground with them. She currently attends Colgate University, where she is a Division 1 Crew Team member. She is forever thankful for the incredible horses she has been able to work with, and the entire Tibri team for taking her in and helping her achieve her dreams in her last junior year.



Hayley Anderson

2015 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Hayley has grown up riding with her trainer mom Gretchen Anderson at her family's Apple Knoll Farm. She is a biology major at Delaware State University where she competes on the NCAA Equestrian Team. She was an NCEA All American both athletically and academically, and spends every minute of free time at the barn riding and helping around the barn. Growing up in the industry, Hayley has had her most shining moments in the ring and most tragic losses out of it as well. She is so grateful for the support of the New England trainers and feels blessed to be a member of this community. While she doesn't know what life after graduation will hold, she does know that it will always involve riding and showing!



Karen Salon

2015 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Karen grew up in Allentown, PA and Grosse Pointe, MI, progressing from Short Stirrup through the Junior Hunters. She worked as a groom and braider during her college years, spending the summers living in the cab of a twelve-horse rig. A graduate of Bucknell University and Boston University School of Law, Karen practiced law for 20 years before deciding her days would be better spent in the company of horses. These days, Karen operates Clip Equine, a grooming a body clipping service based in her hometown of Hingham, MA, where she lives with her husband Jon and their three (non-riding) teens. Karen rides at River Wind Farm with Carl Catani and Abby Greer, to whom she is eternally grateful for helping her find her way back to the show ring as an "older" adult. Karen hopes to return to the Equitation ring soon, but for now she is having a blast in the Adult Jumpers with her fast-footed little mare, Carinthia.



Lauren Henry

2015 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-22
2020 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Hailing from North Kingstown, RI, Lauren credits her grandfather with starting her love of horses and riding, passing the horse bug down to her and her mother. As a junior rider, Lauren qualified for Medal, Maclay, and USET finals, and went on to compete in the IHSA as well. In 2017, she won the Reserve Championship in the Cacchione Cup at IHSA Nationals. She looks back fondly at her time spent competing at NEEC in the junior ranks, particularly in 2011, when she was on the gold medal winning RI team in the Challenge of the States. She partnered with her mount Quekel for more than five years, winning the the RI Equitation Championships, MHJ Finals, two NEEC Championships, and even competing at USET Finals when he was just seven years old. These days, she rides at the Grand Prix level with Ilan Bluman, and is very thankful for her current mount, F. Brightwood Lynz. Outside the ring, she is currently working on her MBA at Johnsen and Wales University.



Devon Poeta

2015 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 23-45

Devon grew up in Old Lyme, CT and currently lives in Attleboro, MA. She began riding with Terry Schreiber, spent her junior years with Martha and Armand Chenelle, then rode with Kathy Fletcher and currently Tibri as an adult. As a junior, Devon was on two gold medal winning Challenge of the States teams, and won the CHJA Finals. She also took the CHJA Adult Finals victory, as well as the MHC and RI Finals, and was Reserve Champion at Ariat Finals. Devon graduated from Stonehill College and earned her Masters degree in Biotechnology at Brown University, where she is currently employed in a neuroscience research laboratory. Devon enjoys playing the piano, kickboxing, lacrosse, and her two chinchillas, Oliver and Twister. While she's focused primarily on the equitation, she looks forward to trying her luck in the hunter and derby rings.



Tracy Hart

2015 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Tracy grew up in Madison, CT and now lives in Stamford, CT. She grew up riding at Mountain Valley Equestrican Center and now rides in the Adult eq and hunters with Christina and Fred Schauder. With her super partner, In the Loop, Tracy finished 3rd in the CHJA Finals and was Champion in the Adult Hunters at Lake Placid. She would love to move up to the 3'3" hunter division and compete in more derbies. Outside the ring, she works at a hedge fund in New York and counts raising her sweet, fun, kind daughter Maddie as her greatest accomplishment, along with balancing family life, work, and riding. When asked what she would like to share with her fellow riders, she quoted her trainer Christina: "it is about the journey, not the three minutes you spend in the ring. Celebrate and be proud of the journey."



Katherine Bundy

2016 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Kate fell in love with riding by watching the Hampton Classic with her mom when she was as little girl. She began lessons at the age of seven at Two Trees Farm in Bridgehampton, NY. She had a hugely successful junior career, winning ASPCA Regionals two years in a row and finishing in the top 15 at equitation finals. She counts her proudest riding accomplishments, however, as winning the 2014 USHJA Youth Leadership Award and, "of course", the Sportsmanship Trophy at NEEC. Kate is currently attending Colgate College, where she is loving being a part of the IHSA team. While she would love to ride 24/7 and compete in the Grand Prix/at the international level, she recognizes that she needs to focus her time on making the most of her college education. She does, however, aspire to win the Cacchione Cup! Kate still owns Levkoi, her equitation horse, who is very special to her and near to her heart. Kate is involved in student government, as well as the history and planned parenthood club, and hopes to explore human rights law as a career path.



Abigail Brayman

2016 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Following her win back in 2016, Abigail completed her last junior year by placing 4th at USET talent search finals east, 10th at Medal Finals, and 6th at ASPCA finals. She attended Oklahoma State where she served as a captain on the equestrian team for 3 years and helped the team win 4 big 12 titles and 1 national championship. Abigial currently works as an assistant trainer for Woodhill Farm in Argyle, TX.



Hannah Woolley

2016 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Hannah Woolley got an early start riding… and we mean early! She first sat on a horse when she was two weeks old, and grew up with horses in her backyard. She still has her first horse and pony at her home, and she loves spending time with them on the ground. Hannah showed in the 3'6" equitation with much success, but she is most proud of ribboning in the NEEC Horsemanship class three years in a row! She hopes to continue riding in college and continue to compete at NEEC as an adult! In high school, Hannah was the president of several clubs and she enjoys running, skiing, and volunteering. She graduated Medfield High School in 2017, and now attends Brown University. Hannah feels so grateful for her amazing horses and the whole team at Woodridge Farm for teaching her how to ride, and so much more beyond that. We look forward to seeing her in the adult ring!



Rebekah Chenelle

2016 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Rebekah began riding at her parents' farm in Hebron, CT. She currently attends Texas A+M, where she is a communications major and rides on the equestrian team. Her proudest riding accomplishments include her seventh place finish at Maclay Finals 2014 and her team's win at the 2017 NCEA Nationals. Outside the ring, she loves to hang out with her friends, shop, and visit new places. Her future goals include making lots of money so she can ride as an amateur after college!



Rebecca Zimble

2016 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Rebecca began riding before she could even walk! Coming from a family with a passion for horses, she began lessons at age three with June Gillis Ahern, and by four she owned her first pony, Ladybug. Of her many accomplishments in the ring, she is most proud of her Sportsmanship win: "it meant a lot to me to be recognized for my early mornings, long days, and dedication to this sport." Rebecca currently owns Condi, who she will show in the A/O Hunters and Derbies. Out of the ring, she played lacrosse in college, dabbles in western riding, and is an avid snowboarder. If she's not busy in the ring or on the mountain, she can be found adventuring with her dog, Izzy.



Haleigh Landrigan

2016 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-23

Haleigh began riding at the ripe old age of four. When Haleigh began riding as an adult, she set two goals for herself: to win NEEC and Ariat Finals, her two favorite finals, and to jump bigger than 3' with confidence. It is safe to say that she has accomplished both! After winning the NEEC, Ariat Finals, SEHA, MHJ, Zone 1 Equitation Championships, the Adult Equitation tricolor at Capital Challenge, not to mention finishing second in the HITS $250,000 Platinum Derby Finals, Haleigh has moved on to the jumper ring. She currently has a recently imported six year old project horse, and she aspires to move up to the high A/O jumpers. Haleigh is never found without her trusty chihuahua sidekick, Newtie! A little known fact about Haleigh is that she loves to cook. In fact, she was supposed to attend culinary school and made it as far as orientation before realizing that she missed the barn too much to continue. She acknowledges that her successes have taken a village to accomplish, and none of them would be possible without the amazing group of trainers and horses that have gotten her to this point.



Natalie Hartley

2016 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 24-45

Natalie's primary career is in education where she has been a Literacy Coach in both Providence and North Kingstown Rhode Island for the past ten years. She is a wife and a mother to two daughters age 9 and 12 years old. After winning the NE finals she went on to win the MHJ Adult Finals and earned a reserve champion title at the MHC Finals. She is now a professional rider and instructor based at Heritage in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Since turning professional three years ago, Natalie has become a key part of the Heritage program, where she teaches students of various levels; specializing in beginners. In addition, she rides many of the horses at the farm and serves as the barn's show secretary.



Haruko "Yukie" Banks

2016 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Yukie's first experience on a horse was at the age of ten when she accompanied a friend to a riding lesson. She promptly fell off. Her real love of riding came five years later during an exhilarating gallop, as she held on for her dear life, on a pony named Heathcliff as it took off with her across Dartmoor. This time she did not fall off. As an adult, she began taking lessons and showing with her two daughters, Audrey and Emily who quickly surpassed their mother's limited ability. For the last few years, Grazing Fields Farm has become a place where she finds friendship and encouragement from fellow riders. She enjoys testing her limitations and conquering challenges there with the help of a dedicated team of trainers and knowledgeable professionals. In her spare time Yukie spends her time in the kitchen, garden, on the tennis courts and traveling with friends.



Raleigh Hiler

2017 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Raleigh rode with Holly Hill for years before recently moving to Max Amaya at Stonehenge Stables, where she is now focusing on her jumper career. She was third in her first Grand Prix, so she is off to a great start! She hopes to be competitive in the U25s and to qualify for indoors in the jumpers next year. Previously, she was Champion at Harrisburg aboard her Large Junior Hunter Chapman ET. Since graduation high school early to focus on riding, Raleigh spends most of her time on the road competing. She would like to thank her parents for being her biggest supporters, and she is forever grateful for their love and support: "I am reminded everyday that I am the luckiest girl in the world to have such amazing parents who have worked so hard to make me happy and successful". Raleigh has a special talent – reading lips! Born profoundly deaf, she now has two cochlear implants that allow her to hear.



Nicole Lindquist

2017 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

A student of Grazing Fields Farm, Nicole cites NEEC as her favorite final, and loves coming back to it year after year. She hopes to one day place in the Adult Final! Since graduating high school, Nicole has moved on to Lake Erie College, where she competes on their IHSA team, while still coming back to work at Grazing Fields in the summers. She hopes to turn professional, and someday own her own facility. She is off to a great start, as she minors in both business and equine studies, and plans to graduate in just three years! Her proudest riding accomplishments include being part of the winning IEA National Championship Team in 2017, and helping to rehab a very special horse, Reno, from a serious injury over the course of 18 months. She saw this project all the way through to his return to the show ring at Lake Placid, where they earned ribbons together.



Emma Fletcher

2017 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2019 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Emma grew up on Grazing Fields Farm in Buzzards Bay, MA. Although surrounded by the sport and the daughter of trainer Kathy Fletcher, it wasn't until her first pony, Ivy Green, that she began to ride. Under the tutelage of her mother and the support of her father and now honorary sister Sara Wytrzes, Emma worked her way towards winning the MHC and RIHA finals. The year after, she achieved her goal of winning the New England Finals at 15 years old under the training of Linda Langmeier. In 2019, she went on to win the USEF Medal Finals, place 4th at Maclay Finals, 6th at WIHS Finals, and earned a top 12 finish at USET East Finals. Emma graduated from Falmouth Academy, where she enjoyed ceramics and German, and is excited to begin her new chapter at Baylor University.



Clara Bechtold

2017 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2019 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

Clara is a student of Kristi Smith and Mark Jungherr and has found success in both the equitation and hunter rings, winning both the CHJA Junior and Master's Medal Finals, ribboning at Junior Hunter Finals as well as the HITS Equitation Championship, and earning the 2017 Zone 1 Junior Hunter Championship. She hopes to move into the jumper ring in the future and one day aspires to compete at the Grand Prix level. An incoming Freshman at University of Connecticut, Clara spent the summer working in a lab at a biotech company, and hopes to find a career in the world of pharmaceutical drug development. Her biggest riding influences have been her trainers, who have not only pushed her to become a better rider but also taught her the importance of prioritizing her horse's welfare above all else. They've also instilled in her the value of having a strong foundation in the basics of riding. As she says, "you are never too good to drop your stirrups or trot some jumps!"



Jackie Arakelian

2017 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Jackie fondly recalls NEEC as the special place where she first tried her horse of a lifetime, Fred, four years ago. Together with Fred, she has competed in the Junior Hunter Finals and also won several Adult Hunter Classics. She would love to one day compete in the adult hunters at indoors or at Ariat Finals. She has ridden with Kristen Bumpus at Arrowhead Farm since she was 12 years old. Her barn family has played a large role in shaping who she is today, and she counts Kristen as her biggest riding influence. Her biggest supporters are her parents, who come to almost every show and never fail to encourage her. Jackie is currently attending Suffolk University, studying business management. Outside the ring, she loves to exercise, run, hang out with friends and family, and cheer on Boston sports teams.



Anne Keesler

2017 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Since winning her award, a "huge honor", Anne has kept herself quite busy with her job as a veterinarian, helping her parents, spending time with family, traveling, running in the woods with her dogs, skiing, and, of course, riding. She rides with Joyce Mersereau at Stoneymeade Farm. She has a NEEC Reserve Championship under her belt, as well as a Zone 1 High Point award win with Huckleberry Finn. Her (modest) riding goal is to ride like Victoria Colvin, and to keep improving her riding in general. She has two grown daughters, Ginny and Charlotte, both of whom used to show with her, and she misses having them at the shows!



Rhian Murphy

2017 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

A student of Stacia Madden and the Beacon Hill Show Stable team, Rhian was especially proud to win the Adult Medal Final, citing it as one of her favorite horse shows as a junior rider. In fact, it is one of her proudest riding accomplishments, along with making the Texas A+M riding team. When she's not in the classroom or the ring, you'll find her playing with her dog Souki or eating queso. She's also found time to log a few hours on foot, completing in the Camino de Santiago, a 500 mile backpacking trek across Spain!



Allison Joyce

2017 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

After winning the Adult Medal in 2017, Allie continued to show in the Amateur Jumpers with her horse Loreta and worked in Marketing throughout the rest of 2020. After competing in the 2020 Equitation finals, Allie turned professional in January of 2021 and has been training, teaching and riding with the team at Rising Star Equestrian Center in Medway, MA ever since. She enjoys spending time working with her young horse, Manny, developing young horses and their riders as a team, and watching her students develop into horsemen and horsewomen both in the barn and in the show ring. Aside from loving her job, she spends her free time on Cape Cod, and with her family and friends as much as possible. New England Finals has always been her favorite final and horse show.



Brenda Tananbaum

2017 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Brenda has been a student of the Fairfield team for over 35 years! Her successful adult equitation career includes a win in the 2014 CHJA Medal Finals, 8th in the Ariat finals, 6th at the NHS finals, and 9th in the 2024 adult USHJA jump seat finals. Outside the ring, you can find her at the gym working out, having dinner with friends and snuggling with her 2 jack russels, Bert and Ernie. She recalls winning the NEEC as an almost out of body experience as she returned on top in round two and somehow managed to contain her nerves! She "absolutely loves coming to the finals" and continues to come every year to spectate.



Katrina Tiktinsky

2018 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Our 2018 Junior Medal winner is a student of Cassandra Orpen and Jenny Martin Rudaz at the Fairfield County Hunt Club. As a junior rider, she won the Emerson Burr Horsemanship Award, qualified for the George Morris Excellence in Equitation class, competed at Medal and Maclay Finals, and won a Princeton Nation's Cup. She is currently showing in the A/O jumpers as well as captaining her IHSA Equestrian Team at Kenyon College. At school, she is a member of the Zeta Alpha Pi sorority, the manager of her volleyball team, a contributing editor to HIKA Literary Magazine, and a tutor at a local school. She is a double major in English and Women's and Gender Studies.



Frances McGivern

2018 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

A working student of Kristi Smith, Frances took a gap year after high school and worked for Jenifer Alfano of Next Chapter LLC. She is now a student at the University of Connecticut, where she plans to ride on the equestrian team. Frances is a talented photographer and owns her own photography business, focusing on horse and rider portraiture. As a junior, she participated in the 2017 and 2018 EAP, and was selected for Nationals in 2018. She was also the 2018 USHJA Zone 1 HOTY Champion in the 15-17 Equitation as well as the CHJA Horsemanship Challenge Champion in 2017. She counts her Katie Battison Horsemanship Challenge win as one of her proudest riding accomplishments.



Lindsay Davvitt

2018 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Rhode Island native Lindsay is student of Greg Prince and Alixe Schwartz at Woodridge Farm, where she recently leased her first horse in years. She loves "adulting" with her WRF family, and thanks for the team for all they do for her. A competitive pony/junior rider (and former mathlete!), Lindsay returned to the sport after a 10 year hiatus. She is thrilled to get back into the show ring, and is off to a great start, finishing second at the 2018 MHC Finals. She would love to one day dabble in the jumper ring and the International Derby ring as well. Lindsay works in real estate development with her family's Davitt Inc. and recently welcomed a new Siberian Husky into her life, while finding time to golf and learn how to play polo too!



Wynatte Chu

2018 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2021 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45

In addition to her 2018 Sportsmanship win and 2021 Medal win, Wynatte had an eventful 2018 NEEC. Upon discovering her horse lame after the course walk, she got on a new horse for the first time 10 trips out, and ended up third! In 2019, she was also second at the M+S Adult Medal Final and the CHJA Final. Wynatte has been riding with the team at Fairfield Hunt since she was five years old! You can find her lately not only in the adult medal ring, but also dabbling in the hunters and derbies. She has a busy career life as a cosmetic and general dentist in Manhattan, but she also is very active serving on numerous committees at the Fairfield Hunt. She also became a Magnawave practitioner, benefitting her horse and dogs! Outside the hunter jumper world, Wynatte is very involved in the racehorse community, and owns a small thoroughbred racing stable with her boyfriend! Her horses run at Saratoga in the summer, and she has already bred her first winner, with more on the way. If she had all the time in the world, you would also find her moonlighting as a jump designer!



Emilie Burgess

2018 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

Emelie is a student of Ronnie Andersen who attends graduate school at Northeastern University, where she is completing a degree in Bioengineering while also earning an Engineering Leadership certificate. She also works full time at Takeda Pharmaceuticals as a senior associate in their Quality division. She has most recently been competing in the 3'6" A/Os and loving the hunter life! Some of her proudest riding accomplishments include winning the USHJA Adult Eq horse of the year in Zone 1, MHJ Adult Medal Finals, and winning NEEC and the Adult High Point Rider award all in 2018. She credits her success in part to always trusting her trainer and never questioning the value in her ways and wisdom. She hopes to never stop riding – "there is such a magical connection between horse and rider, it's not something I want to lose," she says. You may not know that she is also a talented singer, and used to sing the National Anthem during college meets and at some baseball games!



Melissa Groher

2018 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Melissa lives and works in New York City, but tries to get out of the city and over to Kelianda Farm on the weekends as often as she can! An associate publisher of New York Cottages and Gardens Magazine, Melissa also enjoys running, skiing, traveling, and volunteering with the New York Junior League. Of her many successes in the horse show ring, her 2018 NEEC win feels like one of her greatest riding accomplishments. In the future, she hopes to bring along a young horse and continue to ride and show when she can. She looks forward to returning to the NEEC!



Taylor Madden

2019 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL
2021 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

Taylor is a proud student of her parents, Jen and Frank Madden, of Capital Hill Show Stables. A star in the equitation ring, Taylor won the 2020 USEF Medal Final, was Reserve Champion in the ASPCA Maclay Final, had three top 4 finishes at USET East, was 4th at the 2020 Gladstone Equitation Championship West, finished Reserve Champion in the 2020 North American Equitation Championship, and was Champion in the 2022 Dudley B. Smith Equitation Championship. She recalls winning NEEC as one of her proudest riding moments! Since winning NEEC, she has enjoyed competing for the SMU Equestrian Team, for whom she has already racked up numerous accolades, including ECAC Flat Rider of the Year and NCEA All Championship Flat 2021, Team Captain in 2023 and 2024, and won the NCEA National Championship during those 2 years. After graduating in 2024, Taylor's now a professional Grand Prix rider and trainer at Capital Hill Show Stables.



Isabel Hall

2019 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Isabel is a student of Mary Drueding and the Seery Hill team. Winning the Katie Battison is one of her greatest riding accomplishments, as well as bringing along her horse from a five year old to the Big Eq ring. She currently rides on the Cornell University Equestrian Team, and would love to compete at IHSA Nationals. Isabel majors in Animal Science, with a concentration in Dairy Management. She is on the Executive Board of the Cornell Dairy Science Club, and also works on her family's dairy farm, Fairmont Farm. When she's not showing horses, she also shows dairy cows at the national level! Isabel would like to mention that her winning the Horsemanship award would not have been possible without her late trainer, Elizabeth "Betsy" Hobson Catlin. She ingrained in her the importance of horsemanship and gave her all the fundamentals. She passed away in 2015, shortly after helping pair Isabel with her horse Ellie, who she still competes on today.



Jennifer Wall

2019 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2023 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

After 46 years of riding, Jennifer's proudest achievement came in 2023, when she clinched victory at the NEEC Finals – an unforgettable moment at her favorite show. Riding under the expert guidance of David Oliynyk at Oliynyk Show Stables, she has enjoyed a remarkable journey, starting with her first appearance at NEEC in 1990, and returning as an adult in 2006. Outside the arena, she loves hiking in New Hampshire, traveling with her husband Brian, and spending cherished moments with her beloved horse, Santana, and her cats. With heartfelt gratitude, she acknowledges the incredible horses she has shown at NEEC over the years, including American Exchange, Aristocrat, Heaven Sent, Maximum Power, Revelation, Moose Trax, and Santana. She extends her deepest thanks to the NEEC committee for their tireless efforts in creating the best show experience.



Carolyn Lavin

2019 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 25-45

Carolyn is from Sherborn, MA where she balances a busy schedule. She started her riding career with Emerson Burr at the Fairfield County Hunt Club and ended her junior career under the guidance of Linda Langmeier. A graduate of the Ethel Walker School and Babson College, Carolyn put her business degree to work. She manages a full time career in the healthcare industry and is a Board Member of the Massachusetts Horsemen's Council. Her greatest riding accomplishments include top honors in the Adult Equitation at WEF, Grand Hunter Champion at Lake Placid, a top 20 finish at USET East as well as appearances at the USEF Medal Finals and Maclay Nationals. Returning to the sport as an adult she trains with the team at River Wind Farm and the Dana Hall School. She has focused on the adult equitation winning the the 2017 SEHA 18-35 Medal Finals, 2018 MHC 18-30 Medal Finals and 2021 MHC 30+ Medal Finals. But winning the 2019 NEEC 28-45 Medal Finals was the biggest honor of all. Carolyn has been coming to NEEC since 2005 and while made the second round as a junior, her first ribbon was being the 2018 28-45 Reserve Champion. It was an honor to come back and win aboard her greatest partner of all time, Charleston Z. Carolyn spends her free time with her husband Tom, seeing her family, doting on her childhood equitation horse, Lex, and hanging with her friends.



Michelle Hoffman Foote

2019 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Michelle lives on a small farm in Weare NH, with her husband Scott and 2 Great Danes, Sassy & Maya. She's lucky enough to have her 2 stepdaughters and their spouses, 4 grandchildren and 5 grand dogs as her neighbors. Michelle's grateful to still be riding with her lifelong friend, Gretchen Anderson at Apple Knoll Farm, as well been very fortunate to have had many wonderful trainers, horses and barn families along the way. For the past 10 years, Michelle has been blessed to own Brady (Stand By Me), who has helped her reach goals she thought she would never achieve. The 2019 New England Older Adult Medal being their biggest achievement and he had the honor of receiving the 2023 Nicholas Award. Michelle can't thank her family, friends and this community enough for all the sacrifices and support though out the years, it's been a privilege.



Emma Eaton-Ayres

2020 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2020 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Emma is a student of Monica Hunt, and a member and treasurer of the University of Rhode Island IHSA team. She looks forward to staying competitive in the IHSA ring as a way to stay of staying connected to the sport as she works her way through college. In her limited free time, she enjoys hitting the beach with her friends and also loves reading a good book. Of her Katie Battison Horsemanship Award win, she says, "Even though this is not primarily based on riding, it is still one of my greatest riding accomplishments because I feel like it reflects the overall love and dedication I have for the sport." We look forward to seeing her back in the adult ring!



Ellie Ferigno

2020 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Ellie is a student of Val Renihan and also her mom, Abbi Ferrigno. In addition to her NEEC win, Ellie is most proud of her 2019 USET Talent Search Final win, as well as her Overall Grand Championship at East Coast Junior Hunter Finals. She is a student at Auburn University and competed on their equestrian team, as well as spent the summer showing a wonderful group of horses. In her limited free time, she loves spending time with her close-knit family. Upon graduation, she looks forward to developing young horses and also start jumping the 5*, with the ultimate goal of competing in the Olympics. When pressed about any hidden talents she might like to share with us, she says, "I spend so much time riding I never figured out if I had a secret talent"! Ellie wishes good luck to all of this year's competitors, and looks forward to following along with commentary during the junior final.



Rosemary Mullholland

2020 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Rosemary is a student of the Holly Hill Farm team, and counts her sportsmanship win as her greatest riding accomplishment to date. She recalls, "receiving the sportsmanship award was an experience I will never forget, but it also is a baseline reminder of the roots where myself and most of us started; our love of horses, riding, and unforgettable barn families." She is working towards her bachelor's degree and also working a full time job, so she is intimately familiar with her fellow amateur's challenge of balancing horses, work, and a social life, and still trying to catch a few hours of sleep. A lesser known talent of Rosemary's is that she can whistle like a bird or an owl. Her horse Bean has caught on to this trick, and knows when he hears a whistle that a treat is likely to follow! She is so grateful for the wisdom of her trainers and her barn family, who help through the inevitable ups and downs of our sport. She reminds us, "Keep going forward, because no one is going to remember the last jump when the next one is spectacular." Words to live by!



Jessica Roberts

2020 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Jessica rides with the Grazing Fields Farm team, but is lucky enough to keep her horses at her home farm, Stargazer Hill, in Plainville, MA. She and her husband own and operate the 35 stall facility and plan to expand this fall. She also works full time as a Project Manage/Scrum Master for a smaller start up, and feels fortunate enough to be able to work remotely. When she gets a free moment outside of all that, you can find her stewarding or judging as an NEHC carded judge, or doing work on behalf of the RI Equitation Committee and the RIHA. She counts her sportsmanship win as perhaps her greatest riding accomplishment to date. Her horse, Dallas, is hands down her horse of a lifetime, and she is so thankful to have a partner from whom she can learn so much.



Jessica Oswald

2020 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

Jess has been a student of Armand Chenelle's since the sixth grade. Jess loves to find herself in the show ring, and has won both the MHC and NEEC Finals, as well as ribboning at MHJ, CHJA, and Marshall and Sterling Finals. In 2020, she fulfilled a longtime dream of competing at the National Horse Show. She has recently imported a young horse, and looks forward to building her relationship with him in the equitation and derby rings. A Summa Cum Laude graduate of UNH, Jess is currently working towards her Masters in accounting and studying for the CPA exam. You can find her cooking and baking in her spare time, traveling and exploring new places, or even combining the two – she studied abroad in Italy and took a cooking course!



Jillian MacLean

2020 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45

Jillian returned to competitive riding a few years ago after a decade-long hiatus. She was thrilled to be introduced to Jen Rittuci and D.J. Volandre at Next Venture Farm. She credits them as having transformed her as a rider, and is grateful for the incredible equine partners they paired her with. Recently, she has won SEHA Finals and finished second at MHC Finals, in addition to her NEEC win. After numerous wins in the equitation, she turned her attention to the jumper ring, and hopes to move up to the A/O ring in the future. Outside the ring, she enjoys studying human behavior and philosophy, and spending time with the pup she recently adopted from Danny and Ron's – keep an eye out on the showgrounds for an adorable chihuahua mix named "Cheech" rocking a bow tie! She also works full time as a corporate tax accountant at State Street Corporation, and gives a shout out to her fellow adult ammies who work hard to fit in full-time employment and riding. She offers up some sage advice to her fellow riders: "always maintain that student mindset – there is always more to learn and hard work will always shine brighter than raw talent – and to find a barn that feels and treats you like family."



Robin Harkins

2020 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Robin Harkins is a student of Jay Sargent, and humbly attributes all of her success to Jay: "She knows exactly what is needed for you to improve, and I trust her implicitly." With wins at both NEEC and MHC under her belt, she looks forward to attending the NHS Adult Equitation Finals. When she's not in the show ring, you can find her playing with her horses and dogs, and balancing riding with her job at an architectural firm.



Iona Kruger

2021 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Iona Kruger has been a student of Grazing Fields Farm since she was nine years old. She currently competes in the Adult Eq with her beloved partner, Evan. Her adult career is off to a great start: in 2022, she finished Reserve Champion at MHJ Finals and won the RIHA Final! She is so proud to have won this prestigious award and vows to always reflect its values, both in and out of the horse world. While proud of her past ribbons in the equitation ring at finals and her favorite shows, she feels her "greatest riding accomplishment has been coming to understand that the competitive mindset riding forces on us can be used as motivation rather than something that holds me back and that success is not a blue ribbon but rather the people and horses behind it." Outside the ring, you can find her majoring in music at Williams College, riding on her IHSA team, performing with her acapella group "The Williams Ephlats", or talking about Marvel or Harry Potter. Her superpower: Iona can "overtone sing", which means she is able to sing two pitches at the same time!



Annalise Manoog

2021 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Since winning the 2021 Junior Medal Final, Annalise has continued her riding journey with Kathy Fletcher and the team at Grazing Fields Farm, while also working for Emil Spadone and Abby Blankenship as a rider, working student, and manager. During her junior years, Annalise won the 2020 Region 1 Maclay Regionals, was Reserve Champion at the 2021 EAP Nationals, placed 7th in the WEF Equitation Championship, and finished 12th at the USEF Medal Finals. She also won the North American Junior Equitation Flat Championship, was Champion at Capital Challenge in the 15-year-old, 16-year-old, and Adult Equitation divisions, and earned Reserve Champion honors in the North American Adult Equitation Championship. Annalise is a senior at Texas Christian University, double majoring in Accounting and Business Information Systems with a minor in Financial Technology. After graduation, she plans to pursue a Master's in Accounting and obtain her CPA license. Her 2021 mount, Carollo, now enjoys a well-deserved retirement in Texas. While she's no longer actively showing, she hopes to return to the sport as an amateur and continue her passion for sourcing, training, and selling young horses.



Lindsey Bihuniak

2021 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

After winning the Horsemanship Challenge in 2021, Lindsey went on to graduate from the University of Virginia with a B.S. in Biology in the spring of 2025. Now, she is a first-year vet student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Lindsey plans to specialize in equine sports medicine and orthopedic surgery. Her equitation career continued as an adult alongside her long time (9 years!) equine partner, Flugel. Last fall, she was reserve champion at THIS Area NHS Adult regionals in MD and went on to compete at NHS Adult finals in October. She has taken a step back from competing as she embarks on a new chapter of her life, but riding Flugel continues to be a highlight of her day.



Abigail Hopkins

2021 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Abbie is a New England native, and a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she rode on the equestrian team and became a two time all American. Abbie has been riding with Annie Dotoli and Aster Pieters of Tibri Horses since she was a junior, competing in hunters, jumpers and equitation. Before transitioning into a role as a professional rider for the same great team, as an amateur she finished in the top four in MHJ, RIHA, MHC and New England finals. As a professional, she enjoys working with and developing young horses and has had many great results in the hunter and jumper rings. Outside of horses she's very passionate about traveling and spending time with her dachshund Fenway Frank.



Jessica Snider Wilson

2021 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

A student of Kellie Monahan-Riordan, Jessica counts her greatest riding accomplishment as starting her mare, La Dolce Vita, as an unbroke two year old. She went on to ride Ivie at NEEC for six years! Since her award, she has been competing in the jumper and eq rings aboard one of her mares, while rehabbing another one. As much as she loves showing, she also enjoys spending time with her horses trail riding, riding on the beach, and caring for her retired horses at home. She recently purchased her grandparent's historic family property, and has been working to make it her own. She loves sharing her home with friends and family! When she's not riding, Jessica is the principal of a small K-8 school in NH. At home, you can find her spending time with her husband Neil and her friends and family, reading a good novel, cooking and baking, and snuggling with her dog Timber and cat Delilah! She is honored to be recognized as the 2021 Sportsmanship winner, and appreciates the work that NEEC committee does to recognize all the pieces of riding, horsemanship, and sportsmanship.



Nikki Diamantis

2021 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Nikki has been a student of Ronnie Andersen Show Stables for more than a decade. She has not only won NEEC, but also MHJ, earned tricolors at indoors in the A/O hunters, and was also part of the National Reserve Champion winning TCU Equestrian Team. She is grateful to Ronnie for sharing her winning mount Karuso, who is truly a horse of a lifetime. She currently lives in Atlanta, where she works as a lobbyist. She is passionate about rescuing and fostering pitbulls, and is committed to breaking the negative stigma that surrounds them. She is also very involved with the Nashville Wine Auction, which helps fund the fight against cancer by putting on events throughout the year.



Christina Marchand

2021 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Christina is proud to be a student of Dyanna Rucco, who she counts as "the most patient and amazing trainer and dear friend". She not only won in 2021, but also finished Reserve Champion at NEEC in 2015. In the ring, her goals are always to "breathe and have fun" in whatever ring she finds herself in, and she hopes to try out some small hunter derbies in the future. Outside the ring, she works as a pediatric behavioral health nurse caring for children with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities. In her spare time, she likes spending time with her husband, two kids, and friends, working out at the gym, and hiking with her dog Lulu.



Aidan McNamara

2022 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Aidan is a student of Tara Valade at Stonehaven Farm. Looking back, Aidan views his qualifying for Maclay Finals as one of his greatest riding accomplishments. After aging out, he has been focusing his efforts on the adult equitation and competing on the IHSA Team for Skidmore College, where he majors in International Affairs and minors in French. Aidan is an avid runner and runs almost every single day, and finds that it helps with his riding. He is NOT sad to report that, after 11 years, he ultimately quit playing the piano to afford himself more saddle time! He is also a journalism enthusiast and tries to read or watch the news every day.



Amira Kettaneh

2022 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Since winning the new England Junior Medal, Amira went on to ribbon at other major equitation finals and compete in the high amateur jumpers and U25 division. She hopes to continue to get to jump those bigger classes. Amira's currently competing on the University of South Carolina's equestrian team. She rides mainly at her home barn with her mother during the summers and has been enjoying bringing along young jumpers.



Eleanor Pieters

2022 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2024 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP
2025 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Nora rides at Tibri with her parents, Annie Dotoli and Aster Pieters, and Peter Wylde. She's also the proud granddaughter of NEEC Committee legend, Joe Dotoli! Nora is a three-time winner of the prestigious Horsemanship award and was third in the NEEC Junior Medal in 2024. Additionally, she won the 2022 USHJA Hunter Seat Medal Final East, was 2022 Individual Gold at the USHJA Jumper Championships, has earned top placings in the high junior jumpers and national grand prixs, and represented zone 1 at the NAYC in 2025. Moving forward, Nora aspires to win a national equitation Final, compete on an NCEA team, and then turn professional. Her long-term goal is to compete at Aachen! She is a major Taylor Swift enthusiast and her little-known fun fact is that she is extremely double jointed!



Meredith Combs

2022 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Meredith is a student of Holly Hill Farm and lives in Somerville, MA with her husband, two dogs and one cat. She is a Director of the Further Forward Foundation and a Board Member of the Rose Art Museum. You can catch her spending a lot of her free time in an art museum! She also loves to travel and took up needlepoint as a new hobby during Covid. She recently got a new 7 year old horse and looks forward to building their partnership towards next year's finals. One of her greatest riding accomplishments was her top 6 finish at Ariat Final, and she finds bringing along younger/greener horses immensely satisfying.



Julie Hogan

2022 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Our 2022 Older Adult Sportsmanship winner is a student of Linda Evans and Kim Ferro at Orion Farm. In 2022, she also secured the THIS NHS Adult 25 and Over win on Avery Jansen's Ferndale as well as the $5,000 USHJA National Derny aboard The Ridge's Latoya at the Saratoga Classic. Julie is not the only rider in the family! Recently, she has been enjoying watching her niece, Grace McKenna, take on the short stirrup. Julie is no stranger to hard work and owns and operates an equine and real estate law practice as well as a title insurance agency. She is also a violinist! Julie always looks forward to competing at NEEC, and wishes the best of luck to her fellow competitors!



Emily Gilbert

2022 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

Emily rides with Cory Hardy at Newbury Farm. Along with her NEEC win, she counts winning the IHSA Nationals on the Skidmore College team as one of her greatest riding accomplishments! Emily graduated from Skidmore and hopes to attend law school next. She is currently focused on competing in the jumper ring, and looks forward to continuing her winning ways in WEF!



Miela Gross

2022 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Miela hails from San Diego, CA and moved to Boston in 2020 to pursue her PhD in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT. She rides with the team at Holly Hill Farm and has just recently retired Zoe, her mare and partner of 11 years. She hopes to move back into the big jumper ring soon! Her greatest riding accomplishment was the incredible bond she forged with her junior equitation horse, Exquisite, who she began working with when he was only 5 years old and she only 12! She reflects, "Our story together gave every success/win so much more gravity and weight than if I had been with an experienced equitation horse. We knew each other like the back of our hand and we used that to our advantage both in and out of the show ring. He was an incredible horse, and he will always be my heart horse, but our relationship didn't develop just on blue ribbons. Through learning the foundations of riding and growing together is how we became so close." Outside of riding and her busy career, Miela focuses on prioritizing her mental and physical health, including F45 HIIT workouts, yoga, meditation, therapy, and working with her mental skills coach.



Daniela Carvajal

2023 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP
2023 JUNIOR HORSEMANSHIP

Riding with Grazing Fields Farm and Kathryn Fletcher since she was in 2nd grade, Daniela made an incredible name for herself in and out of the ring. With five years of competing at NEEC and many more as a spectator, she has a deep appreciation for this beloved event. Her proudest accomplishment is placing 3rd at the Hamel Foundation NHS 3'3" final on a horse she helped train. Outside of the ring, she enjoys skiing and has a passion for photography, running a small business called DRCPhoto where she captures stunning images of horses and their riders. NEEC holds a special place in her heart as a fun and meaningful final, and she values the emphasis on awards like horsemanship and sportsmanship, which truly reflect the spirit of the sport.



Grace Shipman

2023 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Riding with Valerie Renihan, Chris Strucker, and Olivia Goodnow, this lifelong equestrian has been surrounded by horses for as long as she can remember. Although she qualified for NEEC several times during her junior career, she was only able to attend in her final junior year, making her win all the more meaningful. Her proudest accomplishments include winning NEEC, claiming victory at the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Finals, and recently placing 2nd in her first Grand Prix. Grace loves the outdoors, including skiing, swimming, and hiking with her corgis. Her experience at NEEC last year was exceptional – not just because of the event's prestige, but also because of the strong sense of community it fostered. She looks forward to staying involved with this fantastic horse show in the future!



Sarah Baker

2023 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Sarah has spent 18 years riding, with the past 10 years guided by Allegra and Kelly at Ridgetop Farm. Her journey with NEEC began in 2017 during her final junior year, and she has been fortunate to return multiple times, thanks to the amazing horses she has worked with. Some of her proudest moments have come from the progress she's made with quirky or challenging horses through free leases and patient training. An outdoor enthusiast, she loves skiing, hiking, and any activity that connects her with nature. Known as a hard worker and true horse person, she values the deep connections she forms with horses far more than the pursuit of show ribbons. NEEC holds a special place in her heart, not only for the strong community it fosters but also for the many opportunities it offers competitors. She is particularly grateful for the grant she received in 2019, which allowed her to compete that year. She thanks NEEC for all it does to create such a vibrant, supportive, and rewarding experience.



Leigh Gallagher Tricker

2023 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP
2025 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 28-45

Leigh rode with Fran and Joe Dotoli as a junior and now, as an amateur, enjoys being part of the Tibri LLC team. A former hedge fund executive, Leigh now devotes her professional energy to the equestrian world, serving on the USHJA Board of Directors and Zone 1 Committee, working for HITS Horse Shows, and helping barns stay organized through her marketing role at StableSecretary. She typically competes in the Low and Medium Amateur Jumpers but never misses the chance to dust off her eq coat for the NEEC. It's always a refreshing – and humbling – change to be judged on style instead of speed (not that Leigh is known for speed in the jumper ring). The safety vest? Officially, it's for protection. Unofficially, it's to help hide a position that's definitely more jumper ring than equitation ring.



Janet Hedges

2023 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 18-21

Janet rides with Linda Langmeier and has been a dedicated participant at the NEEC since 2019, and placed 3rd in the Junior Final in 2021. Among her proudest accomplishments are being named Grand Reserve Champion in the 2020 Junior Hunter finals and Reserve Champion at the National Horse Show in Adult Equitation in 2023. Winning the Adult NEEC this past year was a significant milestone for Janet and her team at Kelianda. She is especially thankful to Paula Steinberg-Goodman for the opportunity to ride Dauntless, and she feels immense pride in bringing Dauntless back to the show ring after a two-year hiatus. She is forever grateful for the NEEC community, volunteers, and organizers for putting on such an incredible event each year. It's her favorite event each fall, and she can't wait to come back and cheer everyone on!



Meaghan Costa

2023 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Riding since the age of six, Meaghan has built an impressive resume under the guidance of Wendy Brayman at Hunter Ridge. Among her proudest achievements are winning the New England Finals and being named Reserve High Point Adult Rider. Her riding accolades also include placing 8th in the Open Flat at the 2016 IEA Nationals, earning the 2019 Zone 1 Region 1 Reserve Cacchione Rider title, and receiving the prestigious Leo Conroy Award in 2019 and an NEEC scholarship in 2018. Outside of the equestrian world, she is a dedicated physical therapist at Boston Children's Hospital, where she helps children recover after cardiac surgery. In her free time, she enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends, vacationing, and relaxing by the pool or on the water. The NEEC holds a special place in her heart as her favorite show, where she loves witnessing the camaraderie of the New England equestrian community and taking in each beautiful barn's setup.



Kennedy Teasdsale

2024 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

A student of Kristi Smith, Kennedy cites winning the Junior Sportsmanship Award as an achievement she is incredibly proud of. Other notable honors during her junior years include winning back to back Junior and Children's Medal at CHJA Finals; placing 6th at the THIS Finals and 9th in the NEEC Jr. Medal Finals; earning top 6 ribbons in the Age Equitation classes at Hamel Finals and being Reserve Open Fences Champion at IEA Nationals. A class of 2024 International Baccalaureate student at Guilford High School, Kennedy is currently taking a gap year and working as a media intern for Piper Klemm at The Plaid Horse magazine. Passionate about the intersection of equestrian sport, media, and culture, Kennedy hopes to pursue a career that allows her to explore and expand how our sport works within the world at large. Kennedy credits Kristi & her Cedar Brook Farm family, her parents and the wonderful horses and trainers she's had throughout her jr years including Johanna Hyyppa & Sally Hinkle-Russell, for generously sharing their knowledge with her.



Blake Rowan

2024 JUNIOR MEDAL FINAL

Blake found her calling from a very young age in lead line and has not stopped competing since. Blake has grown up in the Rowan Stables Family sales business and attributes much of her success not only to training as a working student with North Run Farm, but also to riding so many sale horses. Along with her 2024 NEEC Junior Medal win and High Point Junior Rider Award, Blake's other achievements include 2024 WEF Equitation Championships Reserve Champion, winner of the 2024 WIHS Sportsmanship Award, top 25 at Maclay and USEF Medal Finals, 2025 USET Bronze Medal Winner, and Champion in the MHJ, MHC and Rhode Island Junior Medal Finals. When Blake is not in the tack (which is rare), she enjoys sleeping, the beach, her OSU Teammates, friends, family and her beloved pet pig, turtle and dogs. With all the National Finals she has done, the New England Finals holds a very special place in her heart because you never let go of where you came from. Blake will eventually be turning professional with goals of joining the Grand Prix Jumper Ranks.



Lila Ouellette

2024 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Growing up in Vermont, Lila began riding at the age of six with trainer Mindy Hinsdale. Training with Johanna Hyyppa since the age of twelve, her junior career highlights include multiple tricolors won at Lake Placid, HITS, Saratoga, and The National Horse Show with her much-loved horse, King of Hearts. Her favorite show is the NEEC, where she is proud to have placed second in two Adult Medal Finals and finished fifth in the 2018 Junior Medal Final. One of her proudest riding accomplishments is winning the Younger Adult Sportsmanship award. A graduate of the University of Virginia, Lila lives in New York City and is embracing the adult amateur life. She spends time in the saddle as often as work allows, and looks forward to returning to the NEEC every year.



Madeline Blake

2024 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 22-27

Maddie has been riding with Gretchen Anderson at Apple Knoll Farm since she was 8 years old. In that time, she has been blessed to ride a variety of horses and ponies that have shaped her into the rider she is today. Maddie studied at Worcester Polytechnic Institute where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Engineering and a Master's in Business Management while playing on the school's basketball team. Since then, she has followed her heart for horses through grooming for AKF. Maddie prides herself in the details, even knowing each horse on the farm by their distinct whinny! The NEEC has always been a special event to her as it was the biggest show her grandparents attended. Prior to her 2024 NEEC finals win, she was an adult top ten finisher multiple times, 2024 Zone 1 18-35 Adult Hunter Champion, and 2022/2024 Zone 1 18-35 Adult Equitation Reserve Champion. In her free time, she enjoys dinner with the girls and a good documentary!



Molly Fahner Calhoun

2024 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Molly grew up riding outside of Chicago with Carl Weeden; after a 20-plus year hiatus, she joined Heritage Farm almost five years ago. She has received top ribbons at several shows, but one of her favorite things about horse life as an adult is the camaraderie and genuine support between riders. Her proudest riding achievement was winning the NEEC Adult Medal Final 46+ in 2024 with her horse, Tibri's Rain King. Professionally, Molly is a journalist and staff writer at Forbes. She is mom to two busy kids, ages 12 and 14, and she has three adorable-yet-poorly-behaved rescue dogs. She is thankful for her supportive and patient husband, who tolerates her horse addiction and "quick trips to the barn." She is also endlessly grateful to the Heritage Farm team for continuing to challenge her, and to her horse, King, for being the most perfect partner and babysitter.



Caroline Stanwood

2025 JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Caroline is a student of Carl Catani and the team at River Wind Farm and has been riding since she was ten years old on the South Shore of Massachusetts. Winning the NEEC Sportsmanship Award remains one of her proudest accomplishments, alongside qualifying for the THIS National Children's Medal Final and placing top 12 in the Katie Battison Horsemanship Challenge three years in a row. She is currently studying finance at Miami University in Ohio and rides on their IHSA team. Caroline thanks NEEC and the Northeast equestrian community for developing her into the rider, horsewoman, and person she is today. The consistent display of hard work and humility present during her most formative years played an integral role in creating the foundation for who she is today.



Callie McClellan

2025 YOUNGER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Callie is a 2021 UNH graduate with her Master's in Occupational Therapy and is now a practicing occupational therapist working with older adults and those with dementia. When she isn't practicing as an OT, Callie spends her time at the barn with her horse Song. Callie has owned Song for 14 years, working with Song since she was 3 years old. She had the opportunity to rehab Song through two major surgeries when she was a baby, developing the bond that they have now. Through hard work and perseverance, Callie took Song to their first medal final at NEEC in 2018. They have continued to hone their skills and become more experienced in the adult equitation and medals. Both Song and Callie placed 7th in the 2024 22-27 adult medal, achieving their dream of ribboning in a medal final. This past NEEC, Callie was honored to receive the younger adult sportsmanship award. Callie plans on continuing in her passion of riding her horse Song, both competitively and for fun!



Katie Kirwin Reznicek

2025 OLDER ADULT SPORTSMANSHIP

Katie has been a longtime member of the broader New England hunter/jumper community, first as a junior rider and now as an adult competitor. Besides riding, she has also spent many years supporting the Maine horse show community behind the scenes as the Downeast Medal Finals Communications Director, helping manage points, the program, and the website. In the ring, Katie has enjoyed success in both the equitation and hunters, including winning the Downeast Medal Finals Championship as both a junior and an adult, as well as earning top ten ribbons at MHC, MHJ, and NEHC Medal Finals in recent years. Katie particularly enjoys the camaraderie of the New England horse show community and is incredibly grateful for the many trainers, friends, and fellow competitors who have supported and encouraged her throughout her riding career. Katie lives in Medford, MA and works as a Regulatory Program Manager at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals. In her spare time, she rides and competes with the wonderful Olana Laffey at Evenstride. She feels incredibly fortunate to continue pursuing her passion for riding alongside such a supportive community and is deeply honored to receive the 2025 Adult Sportsmanship Award.



Kate Nilan

2025 ADULT MEDAL FINAL 46+

Kate has always loved horses. She started riding when she was 6. She spent her junior years riding and showing – and having lots of fun – with Peter Wylde in New England. She graduated from Dartmouth College and later worked as a high school teacher, web developer, and in some horse jobs. In 2013, she launched StableSecretary, a barn management app, to make it easier for trainers, barn managers, and owners to do their record-keeping, scheduling, and invoicing. Now, she leads the team at StableSecretary and is mom to 2 busy kids and various pets! Kate is endlessly grateful for Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters, and the Tibri team for their expert instruction, patience, and support as she tries to balance riding with a busy work and family life.



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OCTOBER 16TH

Class 10

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Trophy and Ten Ribbons in Each Section

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Section E Sponsor: Well-A-Way Farm

Class 11

OPEN EQUITATION 14 & UNDER

For juniors who have not reached their 15th birthday. Minimum of eight fences not to exceed 3′0″.

Trophy and Ten Ribbons in Each Section

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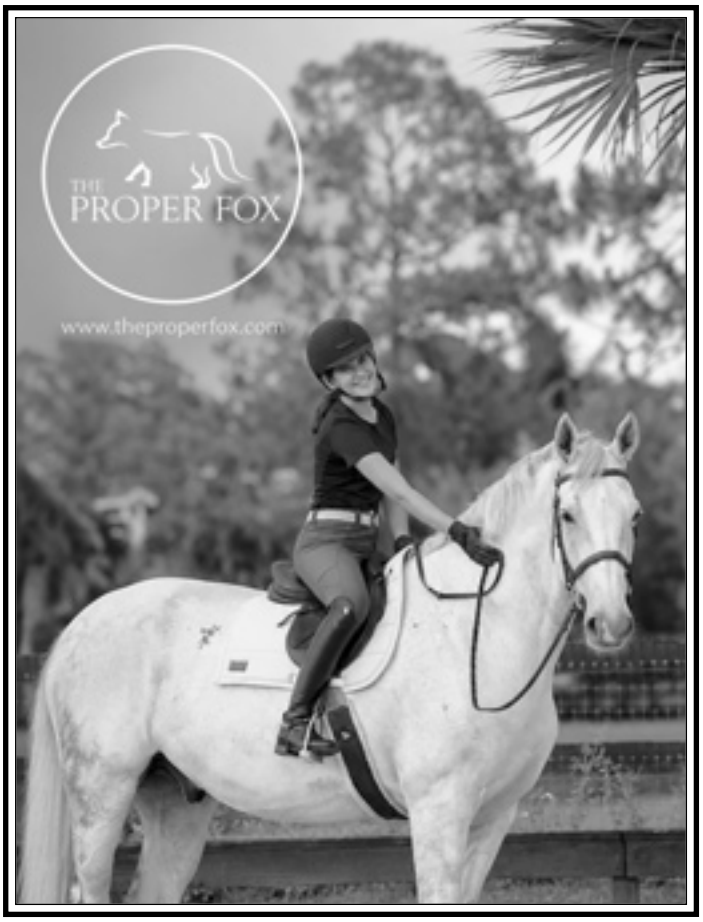
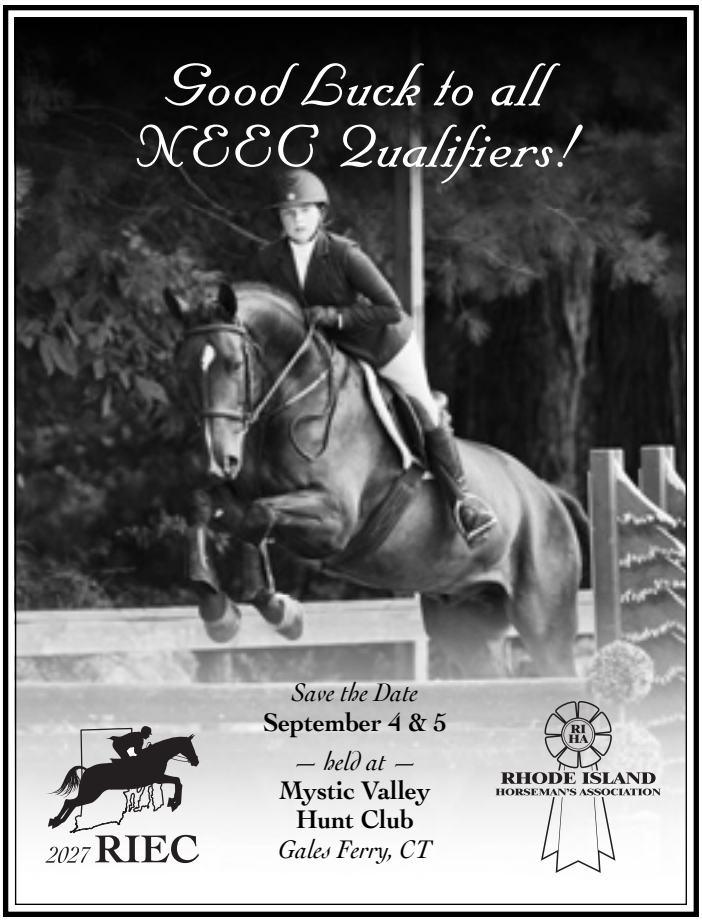
Class 13

KATIE BATTISON HORSEMANSHIP EXAM

See class description page 114.



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OCTOBER 17TH

Class 13

KATIE BATTISON HORSEMANSHIP PRACTICUM

Open to all junior exhibitors competing in the New England Horsemen's Council Hunt Seat Medal Final. This award is intended to identify from among our many competitors the all-around horseperson; those who can "do it all." Young horsemen who not only ride well, but understand the great importance of quality horse care.

The top ribbon winners will be determined by adding together scores in the three competition areas; a written test, followed by a "hands on" practicum in the stable area officiated by three judges and the average first round in the New England Finals.

All practicum finalists should dress in appropriate show or groom attire and are required to provide a normal size groom box/bag that they would take to the ring. Helmets are optional.

The written test will be Friday, October 16th from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. There will be no admittance after 2:00 pm. All test participants will be asked to sign a waiver, agreeing not to disclose any test information to those riders who have not yet taken the exam.

Non-Junior NEHC qualified finalists may take the Horsemanship exam as long as they are entered in the show. They are not eligible to move on to the next phase.

Riders that have previously won this class may continue to enter if they meet the rest of the criteria.

Trophy and Eight Ribbons for Overall

First place awards will be given: high score written test, high score practicum and high score first round NE Finals.

Class Sponsor: Dana Hall School

Written Test: *USHJA Zone 1*

Top 8 Gifts: *Tom Curren Companies / Susan Tuller*

Ribbons: *Chestnut Hill Show Stables LLC*

Trophy for Permanent Possession: *The NEEC*

Groom Tote (exam, practicum, over fences winners): *Greenhawk Equestrian*

Flowers: *Fairfield County Hunt Club*

Cookie DeSimone Trainer's Trophy: *Deirdre Deprisco, Melissa Welch & Joanna Johnsen*

Class 14

IHSA/USHJA 3'3" HUNTER SEAT MEDAL FINALS

Eligibility Requirements

A. The IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals is open to Junior Active Members of the USEF and USHJA. Foreign residents who are also members of USEF and USHJA will be eligible to compete. Eligible riders may not compete in any of the following within the same competition year:

1. ASPCA Maclay Finals
2. USEF Hunter Seat Medal Finals
3. USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals (East or West)
4. USHJA Gladstone Cup Equitation Classic
5. WIHS Equitation Classic Finals
6. Jump Canada Medal Finals
7. North American Equitation Championship

B. Riders who have competed at 1.30m or higher will not be eligible to compete in the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

C. Riders accumulating a minimum of ten points (10) in any IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes between August 2 of the previous competition year and September 1 of the current competition year will be eligible to compete in the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

D. The USHJA, at its discretion, can open up qualifying procedures to allow for additional entries to fill this championship, should insufficient entries be received by the deadline. Additional riders will be invited based on their points earned.

E. Once a rider has competed in any of the afore-mentioned finals they remain ineligible to compete in the 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal classes or Final.

F. Past winners of the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals are no longer eligible to compete in the class or finals.

Course Requirements

A. To be shown over a course of no less than eight obstacles with fence heights of 3'3" and spreads to 3'6" (exception: triple bar obstacles may have a maximum spread of 4').

B. For the Finals, all obstacles must be numbered.

C. One third of the obstacles must be oxers.

D. Courses must include at least two changes of direction after the first obstacle.

E. Courses must include at least three of the following:

1. Bending line
2. Narrow jump (5′6″- 8′)
3. Roll back turn
4. Fence at the end of the ring
5. Long approach to a single jump

F. Liverpools, water jumps or water used as decoration are prohibited.

Judging Procedures

A. See GR1304 for Judging restrictions.

B. To be judged on the seat, hands, guidance and control of the horse.

C. Two cumulative refusals will result in elimination from the Finals.

D. If there are 30 or fewer riders competing in Round I, judges must bring back a minimum of the top 15 riders (if available) for Round II. If there are 31 – 50 riders competing in Round I, judges must bring back a minimum of 20 riders for Round II. If there are more than 51 riders competing in Round I, judges must bring back a minimum of 25 riders for Round II. More riders may be asked to return at the judge's discretion.

1. Open numeric scoring will be used for Rounds I and II.
2. Round I scores may be duplicated with the exception of the riders called back for Round II.
3. Each Round shall be weighted equally.
4. Riders who qualify for Round II will return in reverse order of scores from Round I.
5. All ties will be broken using the scores from Round I.

E. Testing: two or more tests of a minimum of the top four competitors are required using USEF tests 1- 22.

a. Scores from the Testing round will be cumulative based on the combined scores from Rounds I and II. Testing scores will not be announced.

F. Only one rider per horse may compete in the IHSA/USHJA 3′3″ Hunter Seat Medal Finals.

Tack

A. Refer to EQ106.5a in the USEF Rulebook.

Awards

A. For the IHSA/USHJA 3′3″ Hunter Seat Medal Finals, ribbons will be awarded first through twelfth place for overall placings. The presentation of awards is to be given in reverse order.

Schooling Requirements for the IHSA/USHJA 3′3″ Hunter Seat Medal Finals

A. Horses are required to be stabled on the competition grounds a minimum of twelve hours before the start of the competition.

B. Trainers/Coaches are permitted to ride and school competitors horses.

C. Trainers/Coaches are permitted to walk Rounds I and II with the competitors.

Competition Schedule

A. Schedule

1. Jog (prior to start of final)
2. Round I
3. Round II
4. Work off

B. Jog Format:

1. All horses entered in the IHSA/USHJA 3′3″ Hunter Seat Medal Finals must jog for soundness during the Official Jog prior to the start of the first round in order to compete. The Official Jog must be held within 24 hours of the start of the first round. This jog will be run in a manner similar to an FEI jog.
2. A horse must be officially entered in the class before it will be allowed to jog. All horse entries, including substitutes, must be entered in the class before the show office closes, the day prior to the Official Jog.
3. Proper attire is required. In addition, Juniors are required to wear protective headgear.
4. All horses must be presented at the Official Jog with their competition number and wearing a bridle, including noseband.
5. The judging panel for the Official Jog shall consist of the competition veterinarian and a minimum of one competition judge.
6. The jog surface must be level. Similar to an FEI Veterinary Inspection, horses shall be evaluated going directly away and back from the veterinarian and judge, after which, upon the recommendation of the veterinarian, the participating judge will decide if the horse passes.
7. If a horse does not pass the jog; the exhibitor may request to re-present the horse. The judge(s) may decide to allow the horse to re-present at any time up to one hour prior to the start of the class. The veterinarian and one of the judges from the original panel must be present. In this case, the decision of the participating judge is final and not subject to appeal.

Judging Requirements for the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals

The IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals will be judged by a panel of two judges with "R" Registered status in the Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation Division. One of the "R" registered judges must be approved by the USHJA Equitation Task Force prior to the final.

Contacts

If questions arise pertaining to the IHSA/USHJA 3'3" Hunter Seat Medal Finals that cannot be answered by the Show Steward, Technical Delegate or Competition Management based on the Finals specifications provided, please contact one of the following USHJA representatives:

USHJA Equitation: 859-225-6700 Press 4 for Competitive Programs

Sissy Wickes, Chair of the USHJA Joint Equitation Task Force: 610-308-9940

Trophy and Twelve Ribbons
The presentation of awards is to be given in reverse order.

GROOM AWARD (WINNING HORSE)
JOE MEDICO GRANT AWARDS
NEHC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
NEEC JOANNE C. CORSIGLIA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
NICHOLAS AWARD

Class 15

CHALLENGE OF THE STATES INVITATIONAL

Philanthropy is an important part of the mission of the New England Equitation Championships. Thus, the Challenge of the States winners will work together to choose an organization that they feel will benefit from a donation, made possible by an anonymous donor. This component was developed to encourage our young riders to learn the importance of giving back. The Medal winning teams will each donate a minimum of $1,500 (Gold Team $750, Silver Team $500 and Bronze Team $250) to the top three charities that will be chosen by the riders before the start of the class. There will be additional opportunities to donate to these charities during the horse show.

Open to junior riders, who will represent the state they reside in, with the top six scores from the open equitation classes. The top four riders with the highest scores will ride and the riders with the fifth and sixth highest scores will be the chef d'equips. Riding members must have a minimum score of 50, chef d'equips can have any score, to make up a team. The top three scores will count for the team total. Number of teams for each state will be determined as follows, with management reserving the right to change:

- 3 – 25 riders will be one team
- 26 – 50 riders will be two teams
- 51 – 75 riders will be three teams
- 76 and more riders will be four teams

An additional team of the next six highest scores of juniors in their last year will be added, score must be a minimum of 50 for riders, chefs can have any score.

If a junior in their last year is a Chef d'equip but has a score high enough to ride on the Graduate Team, that junior will be moved to the Graduate Team as a rider. The rider with the next highest score will move up to be the Chef d'equip on the team that just lost one of its Chefs.

States with fewer than four riders will be combined, as the All American team where the top six scores from these states will become the team. If there are not four of these riders they may then compete as individuals.

Teams work together, without the help of trainers. Only the two Chefs will be allowed in the schooling area to help its rider school. Once a horse has gone it can go back to the barn, there is no further testing.

There will be eight to ten jumps, not to exceed 3'0". Two tests (USEF 1-20) will be built into the course. The Steward will supervise the schooling area. Jumps cannot be higher than 3' and they will be flagged. Trainers are not allowed in schooling area.

Costume Rules

Teams may dress up their riders and horses in costume. Costumes must be safe in manner. Costumes may not obstruct the vision of either horse or rider and must not impede movement on course. No objects may be placed in horse's tail or on or around horse's face that could potentially spook or distract the horse. Competition management will be the deciding factor should a team's costume be in question. Horses must be unbraided.

Riders must be competing in the NEHC finals or be a past NEHC finals winner in order to be eligible for this class. Each rider's USEF address will determine the state that they will represent.

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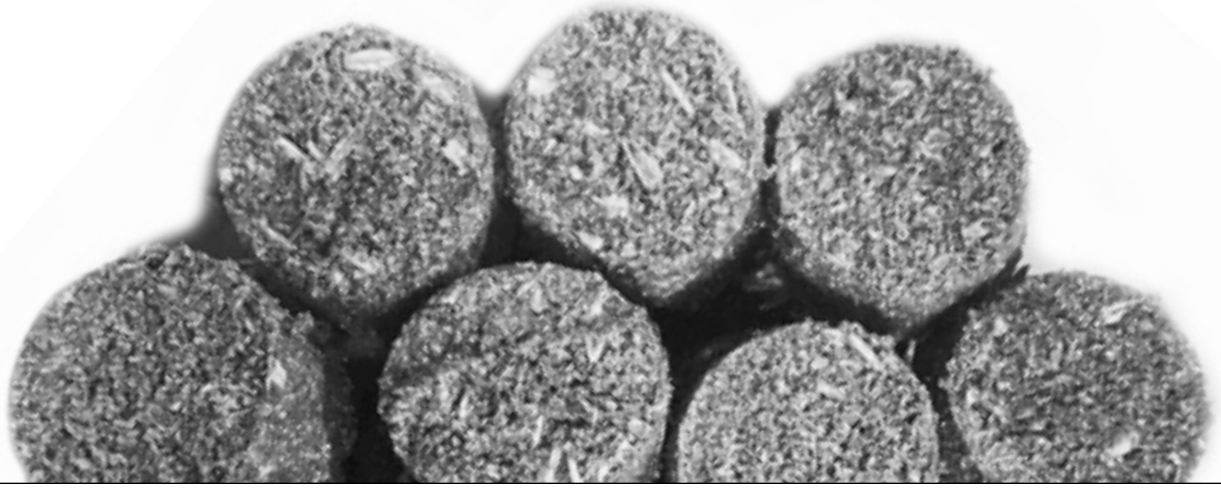



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Fiona Fitzgerald

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Reserve Champion: Victoria Valiquette, Trained by Heritage Farm

Judges: Hope Glynn and Jack Towell

3rd Taylor Demong
4th Finley Mattos
5th Casey Arriaga
6th Reese McNally
7th Keira Fitzgerald
8th Lilly Parrinello
9th Marlayna Murphy
10th Grace Majoros
11th Juliette Pletka
12th Chandra Kyrwood

— **PAST CHAMPIONS** —

2024
C: Riley Conigliaro
T: Kate Stoffel Oliver, Tammy Heuman & Val Renihan
R: Kiera Fitzgerald
T: Amber Viera
J: Ken Smith & Robin Swinderman Mitchell

2023
C: Kaitlyn Linck
T: Heather Gnewuch
R: Payton Baker
T: April Bilodeau, Capital Hill
J: Rachel Kennedy & Britt McCormick

2022
C: Eleanor Pieters
T: TIBRI LLC, Peter Wylde
R: Juliette Earley
T: Armand Chenelle
J: Robin Rost Brown & Cynthia Hankins

2021
C: Ella Witt
T: Luke Olsen, Redfield Farm
R: Haley Edwardson
T: Linda Langmeier
J: Ellen Raidt & Danny Robertshaw

2020
C: Isabella David
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— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Ryleigh Orton & Alexa Stangota	**2021**	Kyla Sullivan & Brianna Skoog	**2019**	Charlotte Pearsalle & Chloe Noyes
2023	Daniela Carvajal & Kennedy Teasdale	**2020**	Alanna Murray & Cadee Savoie	**2018**	Frances McGivern & Thomas Villa
2022	Jessica Girouard & Helena Timpany		Caroline Loos & Jillian Spencer	**2017**	Abigail Hopkins & Stephanie Johnson

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Deanna Johnson

2025 NEHC Scholarship Recipient

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— GUIDELINES —

The application can be completed at newenglandequitation.com. The deadline for the receipt of applications is October 1st. If in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee no applicant meets the standards as set by the Committee, the scholarship funds will be held within the NEHC scholarship account. NEHC furnishes the NEEC medal committee with a certificate to be awarded to the scholarship winner. Scholarship winners must present their transcript with a minimum 3.0 grade point average after a semester in post-secondary school to the administration office to receive the payment. The scholarship will expire in five years unless a letter of intent is received by the NEHC office.

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— GUIDELINES —

The application can be completed at newenglandequitation.com. The deadline for the receipt of applications is October 1st. A panel of three will designate the recipient of the award, which is to be used solely for educational expenses. Applicants will have nine months from the Finals to tell Amy Eidson at amyeidson1961@gmail.com or Cookie DeSimone at cookieandfrank@aol.com where they will be attending college, professional school, or another continuing education program.

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NICHOLAS AWARD

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2025 Nicholas Award Recipient

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Gilligan	**2010**	EQ
2023	Stand By Me	**2009**	Cocoa
2022	Pomerol	**2008**	Grappa
2021	Oliver	**2007**	London Fog
2020	Opportunity	**2006**	Editorial
2019	Writtle	**2005**	Brother
2018	Teddy Bear	**2004**	St. Patrick
2017	Metro	**2003**	Catch of the Day
2016	Scholar	**2002**	Canadian Luck
2015	Unlisted	**2001**	Fancy Footwork
2014	Bronson	**2000**	Toronto
2013	Margot	**1999**	Hanover Street
2012	Condesi, Ludo	**1998**	One In A Million
2011	Tops		

The Vars family proudly sponsors the Career Achievement Award in memory of their Thoroughbred/Percheron cross gelding, Nicholas. Originally purchased for Hillary as an equitation horse for her last junior year in the late 1980s, Nicholas went from a dressage/eventing backround to a consistent show horse in less than a year. Hillary and Nicholas had top ribbons at many of the major horse shows including Devon (PA) and Harrisburg (PA). Hillary's last junior year included the New England Medal Finals, the AHSA Medal Finals (Harrisburg) and the ASPCA Maclay Finals at Madison Square Garden (NY). After colic surgery the following spring, Nicholas resumed his successful showing career in the Adult ranks with older sister Elizabeth. The pair had many wins in the equitation including Reserve Champion at the first New England Adult Amateur Finals, Reserve Champion at the Rhode Island Equitation Championships and Bronze at the Connecticut Hunter Jumper Association Championships. Following a second colic surgery the next year, Nicholas was leased to Kristen Bumpus for the conclusion of her last junior year. The pair went on to become the "most winning" rider-equine combination at the New England Finals. By the end of the weekend the duo had won the open equitation 15-17, the New England Final, the MHC Finals and the Zone 1 Final. Continuing their winning ways, they went on to receive Reserve Champion at the AHSA Finals and had top ribbons at the USET Talent Search (Gladstone, NJ) as well as the ASPCA Maclay Finals at the Meadowlands (NJ). The next showing season Nicholas returned to the show ring as a hunter at the age of 18 and competed in the Amateur-Owner division with Elizabeth. The two competed at Devon and Washington International Horse Show (MD) and finished with year end championships from the New England Horsemen's Council, Rhode Island Horseman's Association, Massachusetts Horsemen's Council and Connecticut Hunter Jumper Association. The Nicholas Award, as it is commonly known, was first presented in 1998 as an acknowledgement for the horse who is the most versatile within the sport.


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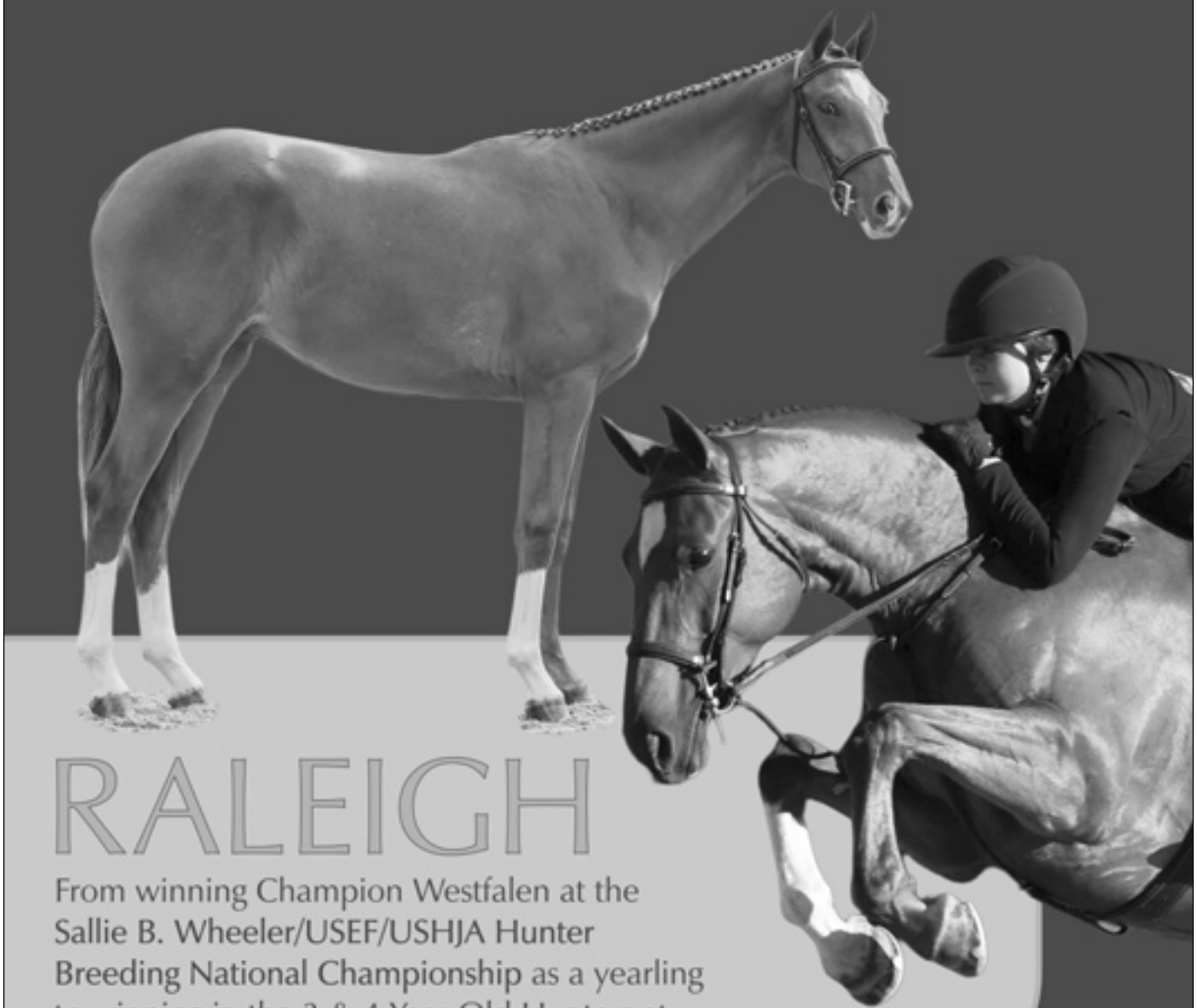

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New York 2

Charity:
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Jenna Bach
Kaitlyn Linck
Chandra Kyrwood
Dylan Lenahan
India Nye-Wenner
Isabella Golia

2025 GOLD WINNERS

New York 1

Charity:
Equestrian Aid Foundation

Mimi Maddock
Tulloch Walther
Lila Racanelli
Emily Tarter
Anna Wright
Lila Simone

2025 BRONZE WINNERS

Graduates

Charity:
Make A Wish Foundation

Morgan McCarthy
Margaret Power
Wyatt Benchoff
Jane DeChabert
Maeve Young
Caroline Stanwood

— TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES —

1st	Eliana Klane	**3rd**	Kara Horvath	**6th**	Mimi Maddock	**9th**	Ella Sullivan
2nd	Eleanor Pieters	**4th**	Jenna Bach	**7th**	Kaitlyn Linck	**10th**	Morgan McCarthy
		5th	Emily Tarter	**8th**	Jane DeChabert		

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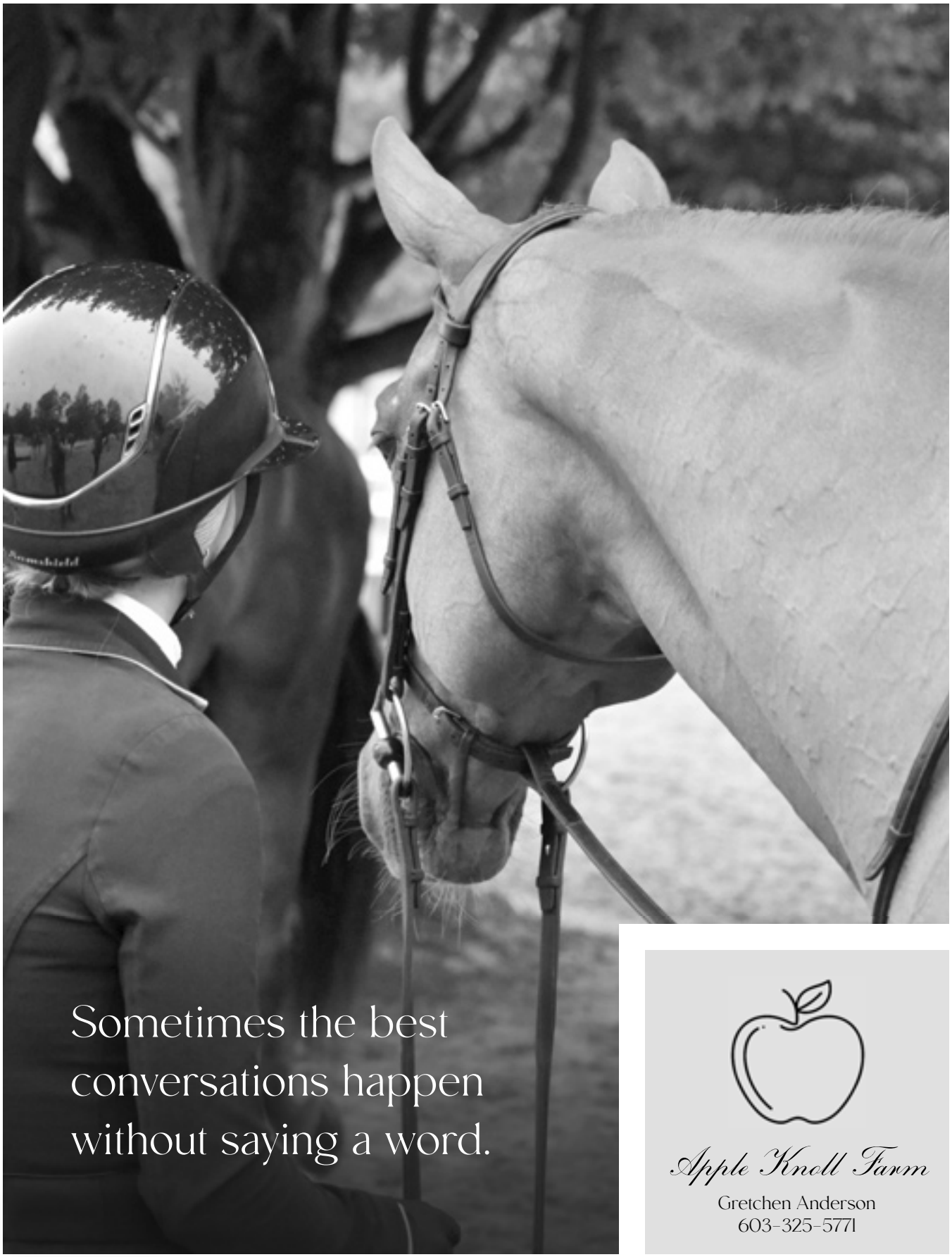

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OCTOBER 18TH

Class 16

THE NEW ENGLAND HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL FINALS

For junior members of the NEHC who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday. All contestants will be required to perform over approximately ten fences set to a height from 3′ to 3′3″ with a combination and two changes of direction after the first obstacle. A minimum of 25 riders will be asked to return for a second round. After the completion of the second round, if the difference between first and second place score is three points or less, judges must test a minimum of the top two riders (maximum of eight). If the difference is more than three points, testing is at the judges' discretion. USEF tests 1-23.

Back numbers must be visible during course walk.

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- ***Exhibitor Saddle Pads:*** *USHJA Zone 1*
- ***"First To Go" Gift:*** *Judy Goldthwait*
- ***Perpetual Trophy:*** *Jennifer Bradley, Breezy Hill Farm*
- ***Trophy for Permanent Possession:*** *The NEHC*
- ***Ribbons:*** *The NEHC;* ***Flowers:*** *The Phipps Family*
- ***Cooler:*** *Greenhawk Equestrian*
- ***Coolerette:*** *The Sardella Family*
- ***Tucci Harley Chaps & Short Boots:*** *Franco Tucci*
- ***Top 10:*** *EquiFit Essential Hunter Pad, The Plaid Horse Tote*
- ***Top 3:*** *RubGuard Spur Protectors*
- ***Champion:*** *EquiFit Eq-Teq Boots, Veltri Backpack, R.J. Classics Show Coat, Helite Safety Vest, Evoke Helmet, Tech Stirrups, ACE Belt, CWD $250 GC*
- ***Champion / Reserve:*** *Essex Classics Show Shirt, Poulin Grain $250 GC, SmartPak $25 GC*
- ***$500 Trainer's Award (C):*** *Kelianda Farm*
- ***$300 Trainer's Award (R):*** *BK Imports*
- ***Groom Backpack (C):*** *SmartPak*

Class 12

CHALLENGE CUP AWARD

This award is for juniors who have never jumped higher than 3′3″ (Hunters/Equitation) or 1.00 meter (Jumpers.) Riders also are not eligible for this award if they have competed in any class or Derby with option fences over 3′3″ (even if they don't jump the option fence) or any Jumper class (including Low Children's Jumper Classic when set over 1.00 meter) that has specs higher than 1.00 meter.

Riders must be entered by Friday at noon the week of the NE Championships. All trainers must sign off that rider is eligible. If trainer does not sign off on it, rider isn't eligible for this award.

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NEHC JUNIOR HUNT SEAT MEDAL FINALS

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Emma Hakim

2025 Junior Hunt Seat Medal Finals Champion
Trained by Frank & Jen Madden

Reserve Champion: Kaitlyn Linck, Trained by Stacia Madden

3rd	Fiona Fitzgerald	**5th**	Mimi Maddock	**7th**	Victoria Valiquette	**9th**	Ellie Sadrian
4th	Helena Timpany	**6th**	Lillian Valiquette	**8th**	Piper Grove	**10th**	Finley Mattos

— JUDGES —

Hope Glynn • Mark Jungherr • Ken Krome • Walter "Jimmy" Lee • Tiffany Morrissey • Jack Towell

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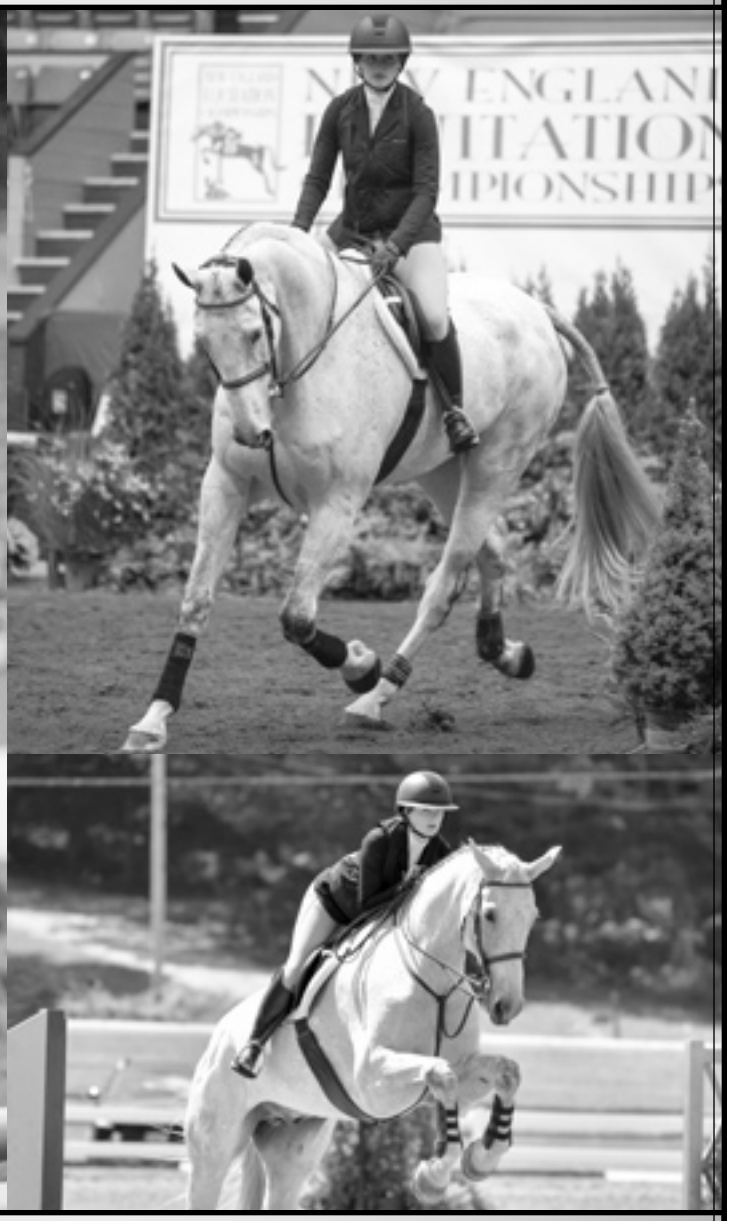
LILLY DOIRON





Somewhere between the early mornings, long show days, horse hair on everything, and countless hours in the saddle — and probably just as many in the wash stall — you became an incredible horsewoman. But the best part may be all the memories, laughs, and friendships made along the way; your trainer, who taught you, challenged you, and cheered you on; and, of course, the ponies and horses who became such a big part of your story. We're so proud of you — soak up every minute and have the best time!

Love, Mom, Dad, Maddy and James

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NORMAN HALL AWARD

Perpetual Trophy presented each year to the Trainer of the Winning Rider of the New England Equitation Finals



Frank & Jen Madden

2025 Norman Hall Award Recipients

NORMAN HALL PERPETUAL TROPHY

Norman Hall trained both racehorses and show horses for over sixty years at the family farm in Norfolk, Massachusettes. Norman was among an elite group of horse show judges who, in the early years of the show industry, traveled across the United States and Canada judging. He showed us all that there was another world outside of New England. Norman Hall was a pioneer and innovator of the horse sport.

THE EILEENE FINNELL MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

In 2002, Kathy Fletcher of Grazing Fields Farm retired the Teddy Gossenhoven Memorial Challenge Trophy. The trophy was replaced with the Silver Loving Cup which is dedicated to Kathy's Nana, a consummate "horse show Nana." Special thanks to the Coolidge family for their donation of this cup, from which the trophy was made. To be retired, the same trainer must win this trophy for three years in a row.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024 North Run
2023 Valerie Renihan, Chris Strucker & Olivia Goodnow
2022 Leigh Kettaneh, Laena Romond & Team Heritage
2021 Kathy Fletcher
2020 Val Renihan & Abbie Ferrigno
2019 Frank & Jen Madden
2018 Jenny Martin-Rudaz
2017 Kathryn Fletcher & Linda Langmeier
2016 Missy Clark
2015 Amber Henter & Val Renihan
2014 Missy Clark & Linda Langmeier
2013 Shachine Belle
2012 Kim Janson & David Oliynyk
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2010 Jim Toon
2009 Shachine Belle
2008 Laena Romond
2007 Linda Langmeier
2006 Bobby Braswell
2005 Kathy Fletcher
2004 Missy Clark & Linda Langmeier
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1999 Missy Clark & Michael Keough
1998 Missy Clark
1997 Bruce Burr & Jenny Martin
1996 Geoff Teall
1995 Dana Jungherr & Schuyler Riley
1994 Annie Dotoli & Kip Rosenthal
1993 Paul Valliere
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CONGRATULATIONS

Madeline Laplante

The greatest gift of your junior years has not been the ribbons, but the memories made and the remarkable horses who have shaped your journey. Though we have loved and lost some truly unforgettable partners — including one who was quick as no one else — they each left behind lessons in courage, grace, perseverance and love. Wherever life leads, may you always remember that the truest victories are found in the bonds we share and the hearts we leave changed along the way.

We love you — Mom and Dad







NEW ENGLAND EQUITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

NEHC JUNIOR CHAMPIONS OVER THE YEARS

2025 C: Emma Hakim, T: Frank & Jen Madden
R: Kaitlyn Linck, T: Stacia Madden
J: Ken Krome, Jimmy Lee, Mark Jungherr, Tiffany Morrissey, Hope Glynn, Jack Towell

2024 C: Blake Rowan, T: North Run
R: Sarah Hirsch, T: Holly Hill Farm
J: Scott Alder, Abby Blankenship, Robin Swinderman Mitchell, Tammy Provost, Ken Smith, David Wilbur

2023 C: Grace Shipman,
T: Valerie Renihan, Chris Strucker, Olivia Goodnow
R: Kaitlyn Linck, T: Heather Gnewuch
J: Virginia Edwards, Rachel Kennedy, Ken Krome, Jimmy Lee, Britt McCormick, James Waldman

2022 C: Amira Kettaneh,
T: Leigh Kettaneh & Team Heritage
R: Kate Hagerty,
T: Valerie Renihan & Chris Strucker
J: Otis Brown, Cynthia Hankins, Ken Krome, Robin Rost Brown, Jimmy Toon, Katrina Weinig

2021 C: Annalise Manoog, T: Kathy Fletcher
R: Tessa Brown, T: Kyla Makhloghi
J: Scott Alder, Jennifer Bliss, Gary Duffy, Ellen Raidt, Danny Robertshaw, William Sparks

2020 C: Ellie Ferrigno, T: Val Renihan, Abbie Ferrigno
R: Alexa Aureliano, T: Andre Dignelli
J: Tammy Provost, David Wilbur

2019 C: Taylor Griffiths-Madden,
T: Frank & Jen Madden
R: Ellie Ferigno, T: Val Renihan
J: Linda Andrisani, Ralph Caristo, Todd Karn, Jimmy Lee, Patrick Rodes, Sissy Wickes

2018 C: Katrina Tiktinsky, T: Jenny Martin-Rudaz
R: Ava Stearns
T: Missy Clark, John Brenan, Linda Langmeier
J: Jean Marie Dunford-Miller, Jenny Fischer, Lynn Forgione, Hope Glynn, Ken Krome, Brian Lenehan

2017 C: Emma Fletcher,
T: Kathryn Fletcher, Linda Langmeier
R: Ava Stearns, T: Missy Clark
J: Chance Arakelian, Tom Brennan, Otis Brown, Brian Flynn, Patrick Rodes, Robin Ann Rost

2016 C: Abigail Brayman, T: Missy Clark
R: Ava Stearns, T: Missy Clark
J: Mary Babick, Otis Brown, Diane Carney, Stephen Heinecke, Ken Krome, Betty Oare

2015 C: Samantha Cohen,
T: Val Renihan, Amber Henter
R: Devon Macleod, T: Cheryl Macleoud, Mark Jungherr, Kristy Smith
J: Linda Andrisani, Jimmy Lee, Ellen Raidt, Danny Robertshaw, Ken Smith, Chrystine Jones Tauber

2014 C: McKayla Langmeier,
T: Missy Clark, Linda Langmeier
R: Rebekah Chenelle,
T: Armand & Martha Chenelle
J: Patrick Boyle, Jenny Fischer, R. Scott Fitton, Scott Hofstetter, Patrick Rodes, Julie Winkel

2013 C: John Porter, T: Shachine Belle
R: Ali Tritschler, T: Timmy Kees
J: Hope Glynn, Jimmy Lee, Brian Lenehan, Streett Moore, Melanie Smith-Taylor, Geoff Teall

2012 C: Michael Janson, T: David Oliynyk, Kim Janson
R: Ali Tritschler, T: Tim Kees
J: Otis Brown, Bill Ellis, Rob Gage, Keith Hastings, Mike Rosser, Richard Slocum

2011 C: Elizabeth Kenny, T: David Oliynyk
R: Katie Tyler, T: Shachine Belle
J: Scott Alder, Rob Bielefeld, Joe Darby, Jeanne Marie Miller, Steve Wall, Jim Zulia

2010 C: Sylvia De Toledo,
T: Jimmy Toon, Holly Brewster
R: Katherine Schmidt, T: Andre Dignelli
J: Linda Andrisani, Ken Chrome, Leo Conroy, Peter Lombardo, Ellen Raidt, Danny Robertshaw

2009 C: Samantha Smith, T: Shachine Belle
R: Kelsey Hart, T: Monty Kelly
J: Robert Crandall, Mindy Darst, Jimmy Lee, Randy Roy, Chrystine Tauber, Andrea Wells

2008 C: Matt Metell, T: Heritage Farm
R: Victoria Birdsall, T: Heritage Farm
J: Bill Ellis, Scott Hofstetter, Brian Lenehan, Don Stewart, Scott Williamson, Julie Winkel

2007 C: Jenny Walters, T: Linda Langmeier
R: Cortie Wetherill, T: Missy Clark
J: Fran Dotoli, Carol Molony, Randy Mullins, Tammy Provost, Patrick Rodes, Ken Smith

2006 C: Sara Green, T: Bobby Braswell
R: Meredith Stafford, T: Tim Kees
J: Kitty Barker, James Clapperton, Todd Karn, Ken Krome, William Moroney, John Roper

2005 C: Christopher Ewanouski, T: Kathy Fletcher
R: Kim McCormack, T: Missy Clark
J: Scott Fitton, Karen Healey, Mark Jungherr, Jimmy Lee, Susan Schoellkopf, James Zulia

2004 C: Julie Welles, T: Missy Clark, Linda Langmeier
R: Katie Stenberg, T: Kathy Fletcher
J: Linda Andrisani, Susan Ashe, Robert Bielefeld, Anthony D'Ambiosio, Carol Molony, Steven Wall

2003 C: Georgina Coolidge, T: Kathy Fletcher
R: Heather Dobbs, T: Missy Clark
J: Buddy Brown, Billy Ellis, Brian Lenehan, John Roper, Don Stewart, Rita Timpanaro

2002 C: Whitney Hollinger, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Katelyn Denby, T: Kathryn Fletcher
J: Fred Bauer, Joe Darby, Jimmy Lee, Carol Molony, Randy Mullins, Ken Nordstrom

2001 C: Sophie Coppedge, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Gina Marie Ciccotelli, T: Holly Hill Farm
J: Scott Hofstetter, Ken Krome, Ellen Raidt-Lordi, Danny Robertshaw, Louise Serio,

2000 C: Sarah Wytrzes, T: Kathryn Fletcher
R: Brain Walker, T: Missy Clark
J: Susan Ashe, Jimmy Lee, George Morris, Ellen Raidt-Lordi, Susan Schoellkopf

1999 C: Sarah Willeman,
T: Missy Clark, Michael Keough
R: Caitlin Venezia, T: Holly Hill Farm
J: Arthur Hawkins, Carol Molony, Ken Nordstrom, Geoff Teall, George Wallace

1998 C: Jenna Kieley, T: Missy Clark
R: Caitlin Venezia, T: Holly Hill Farm
J: Linda Andrisiani, Randy Mullins, Bucky Reynolds, Patrick Rodes, Ellen Raidt-Lordi

1997 C: Melissa Mastroni, T: Jenny Martin
R: Lauren Coakley, T: Jenny Martin
J: Cynthia Hankins, Christina Schlusemeyer, Carol Thompson, Frank Willard

1996 C: Erica Keany, T: North Run
R: Amanda Starbuck, T: Stepping Stone Farm
J: William Glass, Karen Healey, Jimmy Lee, Brian Lenehan, Susan Schollkopf

1995 C: Jamie Weight, T: Dana Jungherr, Schuyler Riley
R: Ericia Keany, T: Dana Jungherr
J: A. Thom Brede, Leo Conroy, Ellen Lordi, Michael Moran, Cynthia Williams

1994 C: Amy Betuker, T: Kip Rosenthal, Annie Dotoli
R: Hillary Schreiber, T: Dana Jungherr
J: Frank Madden, Randy Mullins, Ken Nordstrom

1993 C: Adam Ottomanelli, T: Paul Valliere
R: Abbey Shaw, T: Paul Valliere
J: William Glass, Louise Serio

1992 C: McLain Ward, T: Paul Valliere
R: Annie Dotoli, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli, Peter Wylde, Ellen Raidt-Lordi
J: Linda Allen, Jimmy Lee

1991 C: William Lowry, T: Paul Valliere
R: Nicole HoeKenga, T: Paul Valliere
J: Mary Chapot, Leo Conroy

1990 C: Julianne Taylor, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
R: Amy Shafmaster, T: Carol Thompson
J: Cynthia Hankins, James Toon

1989 C: Kristen Bumpus, T: Paul Valliere
R: Shannon Kirby, T: Timmy Kees
J: Kip Rosenthal, Geoff Teall

1988 C: Andrea Moore, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
R: Jan Bitzberger, T: Paul Valliere
J: Fred Hunt, Brian Flynn, Kip Rosenthal

1987 C: Schuyler Riley, T: Paul Valliere
R: Andrea Moore, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
J: Brian Flynn, Donald Stewart

1986 C: Kate Chope, T: Patricia Harnois
R: Jeanine Cash, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
J: Carol Jungherr Goldberg, Tom Dembinski

1985 C: Kara Flynn, T: Fred Hunt, Holly Brewster
R: Linette LaRocque, T: Fred Hunt, Holly Brewster
J: Brian Lenehan, Randy G. Roy

1984 C: Linda Kossick, T: Paul Valliere
R: Christine Hart, T: Dana & Mark Jungherr
J: Judy Richter, R.W. Mutch

1983 C: Stacie Fluke, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
R: Linda Kossick, T: Paul Valliere
J: Kip Rosenthal, Carol Fallon

1982 C: Susan Coker, T: Paul Valliere
R: Allison Ward, T: Paul Valliere
J: Brian Flynn, Jimmy Lee

1981 C: Peter Wylde, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
R: Linda Perry, T: Fran & Joe Dotoli
J: Michael O. Page, Carol F. Jungherr

1980 C: Lisa Castellucci, T: Paul Valliere
R: Stacie Fluke, T: John Strohmeier
J: Raymond Francis, Melany Smith

1979 C: Mary Ann McInnis, T: Julie Ulrich
R: Lisa Castellucci, T: Paul Valliere
J: Frances Rowe

1978 C: Sarah Edwards, T: Paul Valliere

1977 C: Laurie Scannell, T: Paul Valliere

1976 C: Katrina Weinig, T: Paul Valliere
R: Lisa Kladky, T: Jay & Brian Flynn



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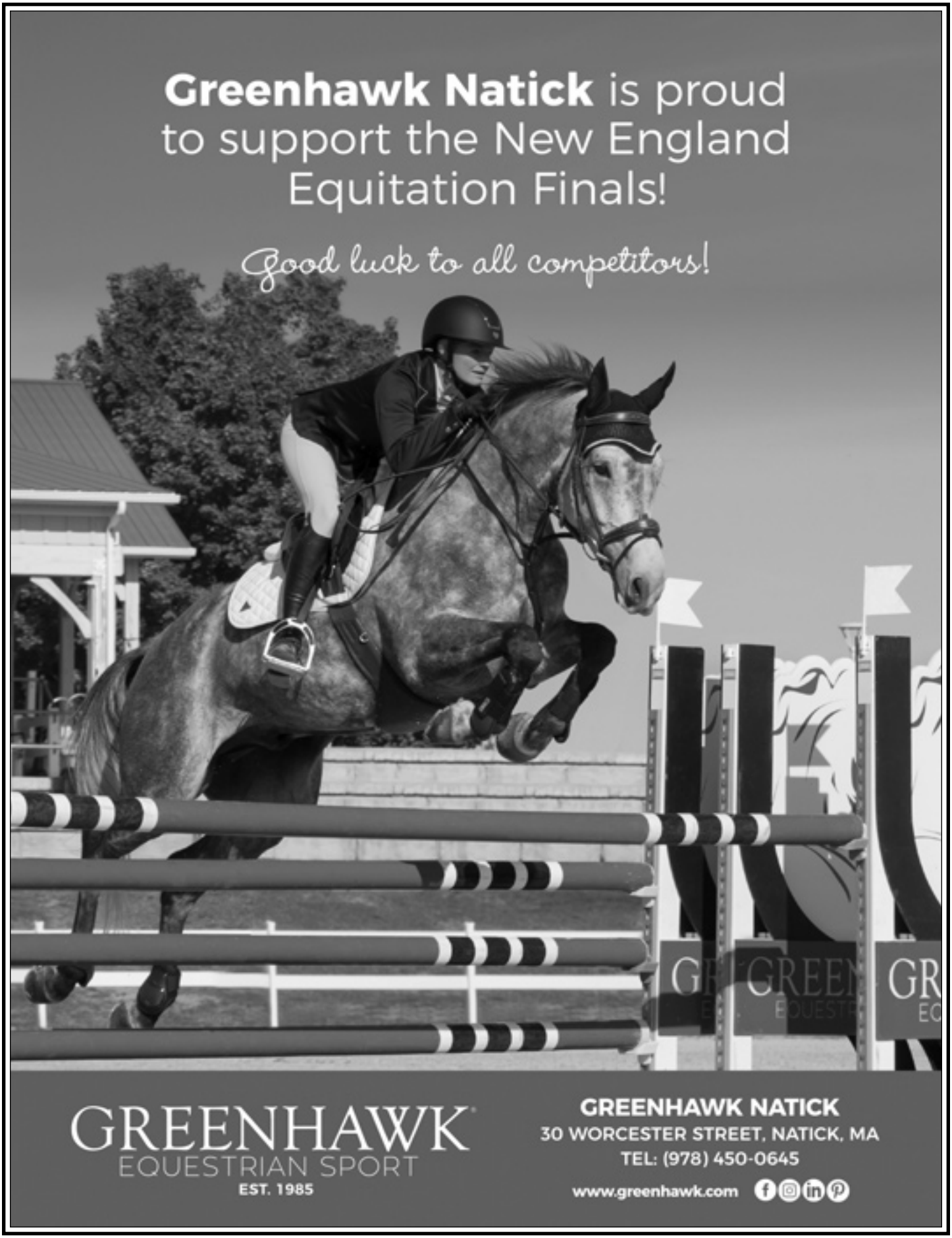
Kelsey Landrigan

2025 Groom's Award Recipient

This is awarded to an individual who has consistently demonstrated their dedication to the care and well being of the horses. The grooms are the unsung heros of the equestrian sport. This person must be at the NE Championship to receive this award.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Alfredo Nova	**2017**	Antonio Bustamonte	**2010**	Maari Wilbur	**2003**	Coco Reilly
2023	Nicole Melanson	**2016**	Julio Lozano	**2009**	Felipe Gomez	**2002**	Gana Wagner
2022	Chalio Reyes	**2015**	Michelle Wentworth	**2008**	Redin Maldoado	**2001**	Tara Valade
2021	Kaylyn Crisostamo	**2014**	Wendy Palmer	**2007**	Heather Allen Phillips	**2000**	Andy Sarmieinto
2020	Khara Davis	**2013**	Larry Oliver	**2006**	Amelié Perrier	**1999**	Jason Weaver
2019	Pedro Textiera	**2012**	Ashley Pimintall	**2005**	Jorge Amaral	**1998**	Doreen Colburn
2018	Juan Carlos Migueles Guzman	**2011**	David Alanecha & Richard Hopkins	**2004**	Suzy Kent	**1997**	Ronnie Clohecy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2025 Mason Phelps "Spirit of the Sport" Grant Recipient

— GUIDELINES —

The grant will be awarded to the junior rider whose essay is voted among the top three by the Grant Committee (announced on Friday night at the Junior Celebration), achieves the highest first round NEEC score among the grant finalists, and has qualified to compete at the NHS 3'3" Medal or Maclay finals at the National Horse Show and will be attending. Applications must be received by October 1st. Apply online at newenglandequitation.com. Past winners may not reapply. The winner will be awarded $750 from the NEEC and $750 from the NHS to be put towards stall, entries and entry blank fees at each final.

Mason Phelps (1948-2021) was involved in our sport in every way possible: from groom to Olympian to governing leader and more. He launched dozens of ingenious events that raised money and interest in Equestrian sports over his career including the AA rated Christmas show in San Antonio, the American Jumping Derby (later the International Jumping Derby), the New England Hunt Seat Medal (in 1977), and numerous inventive classes in the early days of WEF. Phelps served and left his mark on numerous boards and committees including the AHSA (now USEF), USET, Show Jumping Hall of Fame, NEHC, RIHA, The National Horse Show, and as a show judge and trainer. Phelps was an integral part of the creation of the Equestrian Aid Foundation and served at the Athletes Equity Resource Center. His "Denim and Diamonds" gala was the event of the season for many years at WEF and raised millions for the sport. Friends joked he could exceed an unlimited budget! He also gave a lot of his own money to equestrian causes without a lot of recognition.

In his early days at the Aquidneck Island Pony Club, every Saturday Phelps taught numerous children how to ride, muck, and groom for free. Phelps loved people who loved our sport, and it is said he propped up and pushed forward many of his fellow horsemen. In 2001, after retiring from riding and teaching, Phelps launched Phelps Media Group which despite his lack of experience in PR became "America's most progressive and successful Equestrian PR firm."

A longtime president of the NHS, Phelps was instrumental in The National Horse Show finding its "forever home" at the Kentucky Horse Park and served on the board until recently. He created the New England Hunt Seat Medal class as a stepping-stone for riders to make it through Regionals and on to the National Horse Show. It was important to him that financials should not prevent a qualified rider from attending a national final.



Addison Lussen

We are beyond proud of all your accomplishments in your junior years. It's been amazing to see how far you've come, and we're excited about your next journey at UTM.

Love, Mom, Dad and Payton



Ryleigh Orton

From the pony days to the final junior year, it has been such a joy watching you grow into a compassionate, fierce, hard-working equestrian. We are so incredibly proud of you and baby Beau this year!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jameson & Finn

Special thanks to Suffolk Run for everything!



CONGRATULATIONS

MARLOWE MILLS-MYODA

We are so proud of you — your hard work, grace, and perseverance inspire us every day!

We love you! — Mom, Dad, & Emmy

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JUNIOR HIGH POINT RIDER AWARD

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Eleanor Pieters

2025 Junior High Point Rider Award Recipient

For junior riders, the highest individual judges' score from the open and the first round only of the NEHC finals class counts. Challenge of the States class and USHJA Finals do not count. If there are riders with tied scores, but one rider has two or more of that score from another judge, they will be the winner. If still tied, Senior Judge will break the tie. There will be one overall junior winner.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Blake Rowan	**2018**	Ellie Ferrigno	**2011**	Elizabeth Kenny
2023	Eleanor Pieters	**2017**	Sam Walker	**2010**	Julia Fowler
2022	Emi Richard	**2016**	Katherine Bundy	**2009**	Carolyn Lichtenberg
2021	Annalise Manoog	**2015**	Kendra Gierkink	**2008**	Matt Metell
2020	Ellie Ferrigno	**2014**	McKayla Langmeier	**2007**	Jenny Walters
2019	Ellie Ferrigno	**2013**	John Porter	**2006**	Zazou Hoffman
		2012	Rebekah Chenelle		



Congratulations, Nora Pieters!

It's been an amazing ride;
we can't wait to see what's next!

Love you to the moon, Papa & G







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JUNIOR JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARD

Perpetual Trophy Sponsored by Walter J. Lee



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2025 Junior Judge's Choice Award Recipient

The Walter J. Lee Perpetual Trophy is presented to the owner of the horse who, in the opinion of the judges, is the outstanding equitation horse of the present year's New England Equitation Championships. The horse must be competing in the NEHC Junior Medal Final.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Bigtalu G Z	**2019**	Fellow Traveler	**2014**	Micah	**2009**	I Toon
2023	Calamanzo	**2018**	Quantico	**2013**	Eclypso	**2008**	I Toon
2022	Top Gun	**2017**	Sting	**2012**	Galliard	**2007**	Oleg Cassini
2021	Davide	**2016**	Finnegan	**2011**	Bravo van de Kwakkelhoek	**2006**	Opportunity
2020	Astro De Ravel	**2015**	Trump	**2010**	Spock	**2005**	Cocoa



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Beyond the ribbons on your walls, we are proud of the horsemanship, sportsmanship and leadership you have displayed throughout your junior years.

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This award is for juniors who have never jumped higher than 3'3" (Hunters/Equitation) or 1.00 meter (Jumpers). Riders also are not eligible for this award if they have competed in any class or Derby with option fences over 3'3" (even if they don't jump the option fence) or any Jumper class (including Low Children's Jumper Classic when set over 1.00 meter) that has specs higher than 1.00 meter (rated and unrated shows count). Riders must be entered by Friday at noon the week of the NE Championships. All trainers must sign off that rider is eligible. If trainer does not sign off on it, rider isn't eligible for this award.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Eliana Klane	**2020**	Anneliese De Rosaire	**2017**	Libby Lestage
2023	Ryleigh Orton	**2019**	Avery Schauder	**2016**	Hope Cushman
2022	Mimi Maddock	**2018**	Lila Ouellette	**2015**	Caitlin Doocy
2021	Dakota Pandolfini			**2014**	Ivy Watson

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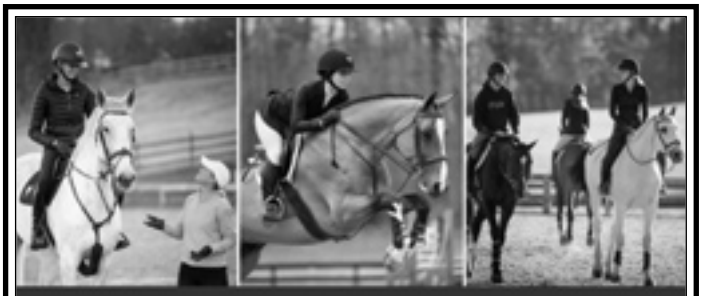

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— **PAST RECIPIENTS** —

2024 Kennedy Teasdale
2023 Daniela Carvajal
2022 Aidan McNamara
2021 Iona Adams Kruger
2020 Taylor Madden, Emma Eaton-Ayers & Nora Andrews
2019 Emma Fletcher
2018 Mckayla Langmeier
2017 Nicole Lindquist & Raleigh Hiler
2016 Katherine Bundy
2015 Falvey Brennan, Sunny Drescher & Olivia van der Meer
2014 Caroline Johnson
2013 Michael Janson
2012 Alex Carlton
2011 Nikki Ayoub, Charlotte Keesler & Kate Stento
2010 Carly Corbacho
2009 Larissa Laffey
2008 Abigail Crowell
2007 Eileen McNamara & Lindsey Stevens deMont
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2005 Lucy Coolidge
2004 Kendall Bate
2003 Audrey Banks
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2001 Jennifer Durkin
2000 Emily Bickford
1999 Sarah-Ki Tomasi
1998 Emily Birdwhistell
1997 Abby Holstein
1996 Steven Violin
1995 Elizabeth Addlesberger
1994 Megan Miller
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2025 Overall Horsemanship Award Recipient

1st Place Written Exam: Isabella Gravina-Budis
1st Place Practicum: Eleanor Pieters
1st Place Over Fences: Eleanor Pieters

Open to all junior exhibitors competing in the New England Horsemen's Council Hunt Seat Medal Final. This award is intended to identify from among our many competitors the all-around horseperson; those who can "do it all." Young horsemen who not only ride well, but understand the great importance of quality horse care.

The top ribbon winners will be determined by adding together scores in three competition areas; a written test, followed by a "hands on" practicum in the stable area officiated by three judges and the average fist round in the New England Finals.

All practicum finalists should dress in appropriate show or groom attire and are required to provide a normal size groom box/bag that they would take to the ring. Helmets are optional.

The written test will be Friday, October 18th from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. There will be no admittance after 3:00 pm. All test participants will be asked to sign a waiver, agreeing not to disclose any test information to those riders who have not yet taken the exam.

Non-Junior NEHC qualified finalists may take the Horsemanship exam as long as they are entered in the show. They are not eligible to move on to the next phase.

Riders that have previously won this class may continue to enter if they meet the rest of the criteria.

Trophy and Eight Ribbons for Overall

First place awards will be given: high score written test, high score practicum and high score first round NE Finals.

— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024	Eleanor Pieters	**2017**	Clara Bechtold	**2010**	Maggie McManus	**2003**	Whitney Kufe
2023	Daniela Carvajal	**2016**	Hannah Woolley	**2009**	Larissa Laffey	**2002**	Laura Faulkner
2022	Eleanor Pieters	**2015**	Claudia Tarrant	**2008**	Emma Johnson	**2001**	Jamie Peddy
2021	Lindsey Bihuniak	**2014**	Sunny Drescher	**2007**	Emma Johnson	**2000**	Laena Romond
2020	Emma Eaton-Ayers	**2013**	Abby Bertelson	**2006**	Danielle Stacy	**1999**	Justine Powers
2019	Isabel Hall	**2012**	Sophie Povirk	**2005**	Chris Ewanouski	**1998**	Sally Violin
2018	Frances McGivern	**2011**	Elizabeth Kenny	**2004**	Ruth Drumm	**1997**	Katie Battison

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2025 Cookie DeSimone Horsemanship Trainer's Award Recipients

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— PAST RECIPIENTS —

2024 Annie Dotoli & Aster Pieters

2023 Kathy Fletcher & Grazing Fields Farm

2022 Annie Dotoli, Aster Pieters & Peter Wylde

2021 Kathy Haas-Ogonowski

2020 Monica Hunt

2019 Mary Drueding & Cate Wagner

2018 Kristi Smith

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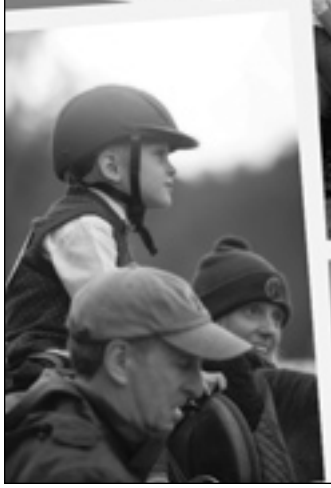

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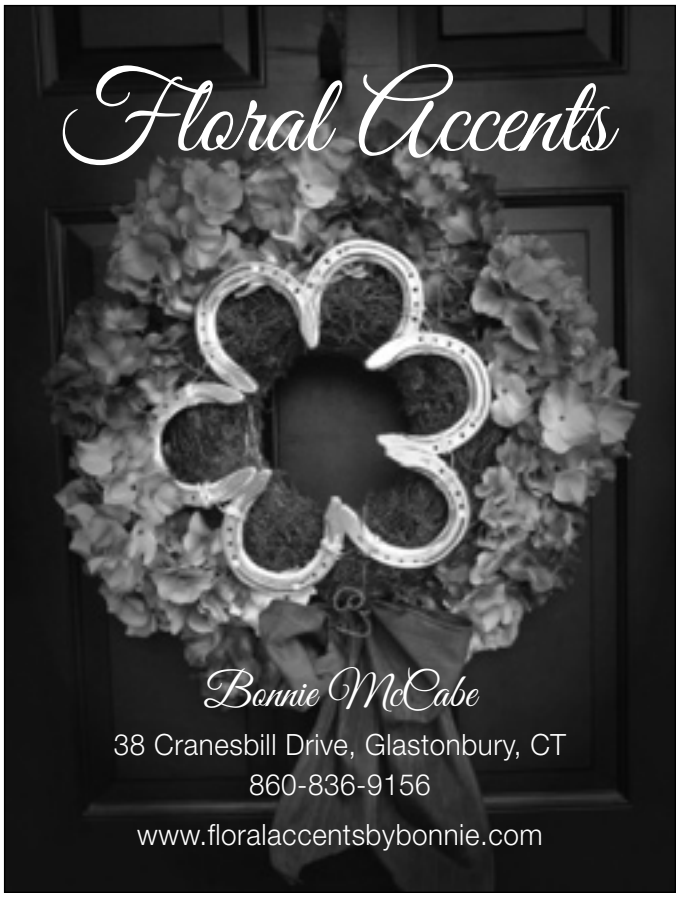

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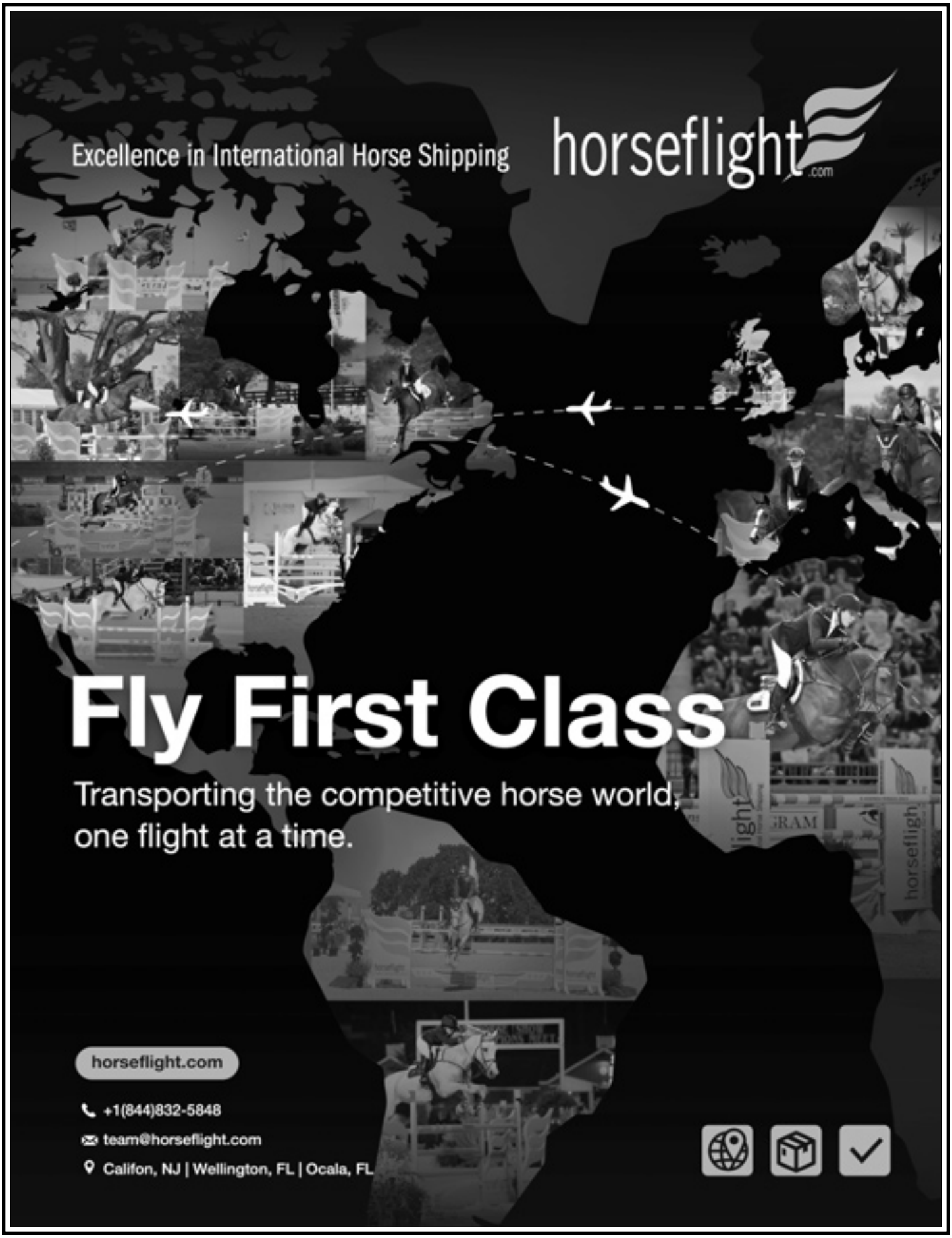
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