

TO RIDE ON A
HORSE IS TO FLY
WITHOUT WINGS

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Manitoba Horse Trials News

OFFICIAL MHT NEWSLETTER

FALL 2015

MHT President's Message

Dear Eventing Enthusiasts,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone, both two and four legged, happy and healthy as we enjoy the end of a great summer! Our fall newsletter is being sent out to you, riders and supporters alike, to keep you posted on how well this season has gone and what is still to come for Manitoba Horse Trials.

The season kicked off in May with a Weekend of Eventing which included a cross country clinic, dressage, stadium and cross country rounds. Working with Pony Club and as show organizers, we learned a lot from this derby and made improvements for our next derby held in June which had a good turn out. There was also a privately held Tany Ewing clinic and women's retreat weekend, which allowed riders to have 3 sessions with an excellent coach and run some miles on the Willville cross county course. Willville Horse Trials was held August 8th to 9th in Carroll, Manitoba and organized by Dianna Fraser. This was the only Horse Trial held in Manitoba this year, living up to it's excellent reputation for immaculate presentation and second to none hospitality.

Manitoba Horse Council held the Manitoba Equestrian Challenge on September 18th to 20th. Originally, MHT had not intend to participate in the MEC but pulled it



Paige and her mount, Zoom, schooling a Training fence at Otter Creek.

together thanks to Deborah Shepherd who took on the job of running the eventing portion of the show. Well done everyone!

Finally, MHT's Annual Meeting, Year End Awards and Bud, Spud, and Steak Fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 17 at Birds Hill Park Ranch. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting at 3:30 p.m. if you are interested in becoming

more involved with the club! Our board is changing and new ideas with a fresh outlook are welcome!

Throughout the summer, some of our members have been traveling south to the USA to gain some show miles in the sport. Heading south gives Manitoba riders an opportunity to gain experience in order to move up to Training level and higher. Remember, attending events in the USA or any MHT derby, clinic, or show will gain you points towards year end high point awards! Don't miss out!

Also, a reminder to all our wonderful members, if you have not worked your required hours and do not intend on having your volunteer cheque cashed at the end of the season make sure to get in touch with one of our board members to see what you can do to work off those hours! It's not too late!

I hope to see you all again before winter!

Paige Dueck
MHT President
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Tentative Events for 2016

Cross Country Jump Repair,
Painting & Building

Ian Roberts Clinic

Women's Retreat Weekend
Willville Farm, Souris, MB

⇒ Tany Ewing

Spring Derby

Summer Derby

Willville Horse Trials

MEC 2016

USEA Horse Trials of Interest

Roebke's Run Horse Trials
Hector, Minnesota
June 10-12, 2016
July 9-10, 2016

Otter Creek Horse Trials
Wheeler, Wisconsin
Spring May 20-22, 2016
Summer August 13-14
Fall September 17-18

Manitobans Represent South of the Border



The Manitoban Crew
Shelagh Deacon, Cara Wiebe,
Lesa Cafferty, Eileen Blais,
Krista Brown, Jessica Reid &
Paige Dueck

*There is something
about the outside
of a horse that is
good for the inside
of a man.
- Winston
Churchill*

**Otter Creek Fall Horse Trials
Wheeler, Wisconsin
September 18-20, 2015**



Eileen Blais and You're A Good Man Charlie Brown competed in the Training Rider Division



Krista Brown and Touch of Frost placed 4th in the Novice Rider Division and brought her coach, Tecla Dopheide

Jessica Reid and Same as Gold rocked around the Preliminary course!



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Membership 2016

Recognizing that membership requirements can be confusing, the following may assist you in your planning.

If you are a **COMPETITIVE** member or horse owner in Manitoba:

1. You must obtain your **Sport Licence** from Equine Canada
2. You must obtain your **Canadian Eventing** membership with your Sport Licence from Equine Canada (includes Omnibus).

3. If you are competing at Training level or above, your horse must have a **Passport** (available through Equine Canada).

Equine Canada
2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100
Ottawa, ON K2B 8K2
613-248-3433
www.equinecanada.ca

4. You must join **Manitoba Horse Trials**. Course user fee must be paid to use the cross country course in BHP.

MHT membership form can be found at
www.manitobahorsetrials.com
and mailed to
Deborah Shepherd
Box 127
Baldur, MB R0K 0B0

5. You must also join **Manitoba Horse Council** which is the Provincial Sport Organization for Equine Canada.
www.manitobahorsecouncil.ca
Now you are set for this year's competitive show season!!

The Reason I Ride... Eventing!

Written by Amberlee Brownlie

Manitoba Horse Trials never fails to impress! After a 4 year break to train my new partner, I returned this year to introduce my gelding Jonah to eventing.

I started off the season attending the Danae Martin clinics with the combined derbies. This combination allowed Jonah and me to look at the fences beforehand and receive some excellent coaching before taking part in the competition the next day. This year we were also lucky enough to have a ladies weekend with a talented clinician Tany Ewing down at Dianna Fraser's in Souris. We were separated into small groups that



Amberlee and her mount, Jonah

allowed us to get dedicated coaching, as well as time spent outside the ring with Tany so the learning never stopped. Besides all the riding that took place over the course of the weekend we also participated in cooking classes, yoga, and afternoons by the pool! For many people that attended, it was their first glimpse into eventing, and with such a friendly atmosphere and amazing people I know there will be a few new faces welcoming us next year. To wrap up this season Jonah completed his first full event at Willville Horse Trials. I think back to my stadium round where my poor 17.2hh pony could not pick up his feet for fences as tall as his knees, and the stop we had on the

cross country course that also ended us with time faults, which all took place after I had ridden the most wiggly dressage test of my life, and with a smile on my face all I can say is... eventing is the reason I ride!

There is no sport more challenging, more back breaking, more emotionally exhausting, but there is also no sport more filled with heart. These people that I get to spend my weekends with are wild and wonderful and I am blessed to know each and every one of them! To all of the volunteers and everyone on the board of Manitoba Horse Trials, I thank you. Without you these clinics and shows would not be able to run and be as successful as they are. Cheers to next year!

Manitobans continue to Represent south of the border



Paige Dueck and Zoom competed in the Novice Division bringing home a 2nd place ribbon!

Lesa Cafferty and Bay Drummer competed in the Open Training Division



Shelagh Deacon and Fallon successfully competed in the Beginner Novice Division



MHT BSS, Year End Awards 2015

MHT's Annual General Meeting

October 17th, 2015 at 3:30PM
Birds Hill Park Ranch

- Everyone is welcome to attend
- Be part of the action this year!!

Contact Paige Dueck, Eileen Blais or any board member for tickets!

Bud, Spud, & Steak & Year-End Awards

October 17th, 2015 6pm
Birds Hill Park Ranch

- Good Food, Good Friends, Good times!!
- Silent Auction Prizes
- 50/50 Draw
- Door Prizes
- Tickets \$30.00
- All ages

Prizes, prizes, prizes!

...are still needed!

Please help us obtain prizes for the silent auction! If you have connections, a workplace, family or friends who are able to donate to our fundraiser, anything that they can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Provide a substantial prize and your volunteer hours will be waived!

A horse is worth more than riches.
- Spanish Proverb

MEC 2016

Written by Deborah Shepherd (Organizer of the MEC Eventing)

Each year, in September, MHC hosts the Manitoba Equestrian Championships. MHC extend invitations, to horse clubs around MB, and invites each of them to host a competition within the MEC. The result is a huge multidiscipline weekend, ranging from Barrel Racing and Cutting from Eventing and Showjumping, and everything in between. If you've never been before, you must go to take in the atmosphere and watch disciplines that you'd never even thought about be-

fore. Mark it on your calendar for next year.

Teams are divided into East (usually of the Red River) and West. Teams compete against each other for all the disciplines, and at the end of the weekend, results are tallied up, with the victors earning a gold MHC medal.

MHT hosted an Event competition for the Entry and Pre-Training level.



Mornings were dressage tests and the afternoons were derby style in the Grand Prix ring, with a combination of showjumps and cross-country jumps. Helen Martin placed first in

the Entry level and Miranda Turijien placed first in Pre-Training. Congratulations to Team West who reigned supreme over the Championships.



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Remember him with a smile today,
He was not one for tears
Reflect instead on memories
Of all the happy years.
Recall to mind the way he spoke
And all the things he said
His strength, his stance,
The way he walked
Remember these instead.
The good advice he'd give us
His eyes that shone with laughter
So much of him that never dies
But lives on, ever after.
He was a man of honesty
Integrity and pride
Important, then, the way he lived
Not the way he died.
If a tear should fall today
Perhaps it shall be shed
For many years without him here
That still lie far ahead.

Alfred Tennyson



In Loving Memory Of
**Phillip "Phil"
Harvey Crowe**

Born
December 15, 1947
Hartney, Manitoba

Passed Away
September 19, 2015
Winnipeg, Manitoba



Introducing MHT's NEW Show Secretary Marilyn McNaughton

Greetings to all Members of Manitoba Horse Trials. I have met most of you while acting as Show Secretary at the 2 Derbies held at Birds Hill Park this year. This is a quick note to advise you that Paige has asked me to continue as your Show Secretary next year and I will be responsible for Memberships and all duties of the Show Secretary. After meeting Paige, I was introduced to the wonderful world of Manitoba Horse Trials when I went to watch her first Derby on Zoom last year. I loved watching all of you negotiate your Derby tracks. It was a really fun and inspiring day. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and hopefully, a long, dry autumn, with lots of time riding your horses.

Regards,
Marilyn McNaughton



Marilyn riding her horse, Andrew

Pinneys!!!!

Pinney number holders will be required by all riders in 2016 participating in any MHT shows! A limited number are available for purchase at a cost of \$16.00. Get yours at the Bud, Spud & Steak Fund-raiser / Awards night!

News is Needed!!

If you have ideas, an interesting story, know of a clinic, competing out of province or have something for sale that you would like to see in the MHT newsletter, please let us know!!!

We need news items to put in our publications!

Email : eileenongblais@gmail.com

Other Stuff

- ⇒ For up to date information on Eventing in Manitoba, please go to our website often.
www.manitobahorsetrials.com
- ⇒ Become a member of our Facebook group
- ⇒ Remember to renew your memberships.
- ⇒ Submit photos and/or news for the website and newsletter.
- ⇒ Reciprocity Agreement can be found on the website