

TO RIDE ON A
HORSE IS TO FLY
WITHOUT WINGS

**SPECIAL
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OFFICIAL MHT NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2012

MHT President's Message

Hello All!

This year has been nothing short of changes and contained equestrian insanity! We have come out of 2012 with many new members and friends to add to the Manitoba Horse Trials family.

The enthusiasm in member support has geared me in many new directions, great ideas put forward by members and constant volunteerism across the board has seen MHT mature into a new age of Eventing competition in Manitoba. Without your support this club would not continue to steam forward. The 2013 year will continue to see new changes within the club and more excitement in competition for the members to look forward to.

Many announcements will be made at the AGM Saturday January 19 at the Twin Barrel Lodge in Oakbank. There are also several open positions on the board for any members looking to gain new experience within the MHT family. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator, Social Media Liaison and between 3-5 members to commit to the MHT Bird's Hill Park XC Field as a Greenscape Team (to be further explained at the AGM). This is also the time of year where any member standing on the board is free to step down so, in

the case you are interested in any of the current positions, this may be your time to step in!

I would like to thank everyone for their patience with my learning curve this year and sense of humor in dealing with any of my idiosyncrasies that have come with taking



Carly on her retired mount, Kish Mir (2004)

a step into the MHT Presidency. I can assure you all that it has been greatly appreciated and not unnoticed. I look forward to challenging 2013 to be one of the greatest Eventing seasons in Manitoba and look forward to pushing for the best of Manitoba Horse Trials.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

~ Carly Norris, MHT President

**THANK YOU
SHELMERDINE GARDEN
CENTER**



Shelmerdine
your friends in the home and garden

A huge thank you goes out to Shelmerdine Garden Center for their generous donation of flowers and plants used at the Summer Fun Eventing Derby on July 1st, 2012!! Well over ten flats of annuals were donated, along with planters and beautiful Dracaena that were used to decorate and jazz up many of the cross country fences at Bird's Hill Park! We are extremely grateful for the generosity of businesses that are willing to support Manitoba Horse Trials. The course looked absolutely amazing!!

Proposed Show Dates for 2013 (All dates subject to change)

2013 MHT Dates

MHT AGM & BSS Jan 19
Spring Clinic & Derby May 10-12
Horse Trials Combined Event
June 28 - July 1
MHT Derby Sept 13 - 15

2013 Dressage Winnipeg Dates

Kendra Bain Memorial May 11-12
Capt. DeKenyeres Show June 15-16
Mid-Summer Madness Show July 6
Manitoba Provincial Championships
Aug 31/Sept 1

2013 MHJA Dates

Victoria Day May 17-20
Summer Smiles June 21-23
Beach Party July 4-7
Derby July 26-29
Heart July 31-Aug 4
Summer in the City Aug 16-18
Fall Harvest Aug 22-25
Jump into Fall Sept 27-29

The Year 2012 in Review



Cinnamon Allison in the Chelan Clinic, one of MHT's newest members, all the way from Thunder Bay, ON
WELCOME TO MHT!!

Highlights of 2012

◆ Successful Clinic with Chelan Kozak & Derby

Manitoba Horse Trials kicked off the season with a clinic with Chelan Kozak on June 1st & 2nd and an eventing derby on June 3rd! We were at maximum capacity for the clinic and from what I have heard and from personal experience, it was an incredible clinic! The derby seemed to be a great success as well, with a record number of entries including new MHT members, Pony Club and many MHJA members! It was great to see everyone out there! Welcome and thank you to Lucero for bringing a trailer full of horses to the derby!

◆ MHT has a newsletter!!!

◆ Reciprocity Agreements with MHJA, DW & PC

MHT members were given the opportunity to enter MHJA shows (Victoria Day & Fall Harvest) without having to pay for a MHJA membership.

Dressage Winnipeg also offered MHT members the opportunity to enter 2 DW shows without having to pay for a DW membership.

MHJA & PC members would only pay a \$10 MHT fee (seniors), juniors pay \$0 to participate in MHT Derbies/Events.

◆ Successful Pony Club Clinic with Lezah Williamson & 2nd MHT Derby

The Pony Club clinic was a great success! The turn-out at

the derby was exceptional despite the extremely hot, humid weather. The course looked fantastic with the fences freshly painted and decorated with a generous donation of plants & flowers from Shelmerdine Garden Center.

◆ Sponsorship from Shelmerdine Garden Center

A donation of many, many flats of flowers and plants were provided by Shelmerdine Garden Center to decorate jumps on the course at the July 1st Summer Fun Eventing Derby in Bird's Hill Park.

◆ Record numbers at all MHT events/activities

MHT is looking forward to an even better 2013!!

Jumping out of Stride by Raelene James



Raelene & Andy schooling cross country for the first time

A horse is worth more than riches.
- Spanish Proverb

My passion is horses and my love is jumping. I began like many riders in the hunter ring and soon proceeded into the jumper ring where your appearance does not matter, rather an efficient clear round does.

A few years ago I went to Birds Hill Park for a cross-country school. I was surprised and amazed at how much fun I had. Some of the jumps looked very intimidating and as I jumped around in the open field I felt such a sense of accomplishment, something I had not felt when completing a jumper round. After just that one school my confidence level grew drastically, not only in myself, but also in my horse.

Since that day I have been out to the park many times to school the fences, but it was this past summer that I did my first cross-country derby. At the derby, there are a few jumper fences mixed in with the eventing fences. The day

begins at cross rails and goes up from there up to Training (3'3"). When I am out on the field cantering to a fence the thoughts that go through my mind are so different than when I am in the jumper ring at a show. In the jumper ring, I am more focused on getting my horse to the perfect take-off spot and making sure I get the correct distances between fences. While out on the cross-country field, all I think about is how much fun it is, the wind blowing past me as I am up in a half seat knowing that the proper take-off spot will just appear as I approach a fence.

The rides, lessons, and shows that follow my trips out to the park always seem to end with better results. At the jumper shows, I do not think about whether or not a certain fence looks spooky or worry about problems other riders are having, like I did in the past. I now feel like I am more assured in my riding and

think if I could jump those scary looking cross-country fences, I can jump around this jumper course with ease. I also now try to replicate the feeling I have out in the field when I am in the jumper ring at shows and always feel more successful when I do that.

I urge all riders to try eventing at some point. Start like I did just going out to the park and schooling some of the fences. I am sure you will be amazed at how much fun it is. You will grow as a rider with an increase in your confidence. You will also find yourself surprised at how your horse respects the fences and becomes a more careful jumper. Come and join us at a derby or even an actual event!

Raelene currently keeps Andy on her own property which she owns with her husband, Ryan. She trailers Andy to weekly lessons at Eastridge Farms and plans to attend all MHT competitions next season.

Manitoba Equestrian Challenge 2012

The turn out this year was incredible!! MHT had a total of 16 competitors in the eventing portion of the Manitoba Equestrian Challenge! Several of the MJHA reciprocity members competed in the Eventing and originally signed up for the eventing! As a result of the MJHA cancellation, several of the remaining competitors decided to come on over as well!

Thank you to all the competitors for coming out on a frosty, autumn weekend, all the volunteers who helped with the eventing, and family and friends for all of their support. It was with everyone's contribution that the weekend was a great success!!

**MEC 2012
Eventing RESULTS:**

- Entry**
1st Cynthia Kulcycki & Skye (East)
2nd Pat Napier & Great Gusto (East)
3rd Kerry Moore & Azgard (East)

- Other Entry competitors:**
 Rhianna Saunders & Top Notch (West)
 Callum Read & Minty (West)
 Anna Davila & Dani California (West)
 Caroline Sims & Copper (West)
 Helen Martin & Buckeroo (East)

Pre-Training

- 1st** Jennifer Low & Warrawee Dagger (East)
2nd Cara Wiebe & Truly a Duchess (East)
3rd Lucero Desrochers & Snap Dragon (West)
Other Pre-Training competitors:
 Jennifer Dupuis & Raccoon (West)
 Cassandra Page & Leap of Faith (West)
 Jennifer McPhail & Fintan (West)
 Raelene James & Eastgate Anthem (West)
 Christine Kveder & Camil (East)

CONGRATULATIONS!



**2013 Vehicle Permits
required in
Bird's Hill Park
starting May 1, 2013**

**Annual: \$30.00
Casual: \$8.00 (valid for
3 consecutive days)
Daily: \$4.00**

Welcome to some of our MHJA Members & NEW Members



Cynthia Kulcycki

Photos by Cynthia Leigh Photography



Lucero Desrochers



Anna Davila



Raelene James



Above: Jennifer McPhail
Left: Christine Kveder

*** MHT AGM and Bud, Spud & Steak Fundraiser ***

When:
Saturday, January 19th, 2013

Where:
Oakbank Motor Hotel
520 Main Street, Oakbank
(204) 444-3455

Time:
AGM 2 pm
Bud, Spud & Steak 6pm

**Attention all MHT members!!!
Your support is needed!!**

Get information, support your club, win some prizes and have a night out with good people and friends!!

Important information and many announcements will be made regarding MHT at the AGM. Nominations for positions on the board will also be made.

The Bud, Spud and Steak dinner will start at 6:00pm after the meeting in the Twin Barrel Lodge in the hotel.

Bud, Spud and Steak tickets are \$15.00 each or \$10.00 for support tickets. This is an over 18 event. Tickets are available through any board member! Bring your family and friends!

*****Donations for the prizes and draws are needed!**

Your contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Carly Norris at carly.e.norris@gmail.com or Eileen Blais at eileenongblais@gmail.com for more information and to drop off prizes!

Hope to see everyone out to help support MHT and make next year's season even better!

Prairie Winds Settle in California

Written by Sue Atkinson in August 2012



James & The Alchemist
Twin Rivers 2012

James Atkinson is a Canadian rider who grew up in Neepawa, MB, where the family homestead still stands. In the early 2000's, James found himself following his Canadian Team dreams across North America. Manitoba Horse Trials is proud to see its members thrive in the sport in the international ring. Congratulations, James, in all of your accomplishments!

James Atkinson and his wife, Taren, operate the Copper Meadows eventing and training center at Ramona, California (close to San Diego). They run two events a year - spring and fall- which go from Beginner Novice (Entry) to Intermediate, and usually have over 100 entries. James and Carolyn (Gustav's owner and Taren's Mom) decided that Goose was not ready to do a 4* event so withdrew from the Olympic trials 2012. James, however, has

new strings to his bow. At Rebecca Farms event in Montana in July he rode *Diggin' The Blues*, owned by Mandy Vines, to a 3rd place in the Preliminary Division. Little (15.1) *Annie Oakley* was 2nd in the Intermediate due to 2 fences down in the stadium, however only one was hers, James' foot took the other! *Big Ben Hope* - a new ride for James was 7th in the Intermediate. BBH is a beautiful horse who has had issues going into the arena in the past so was given to James. He is a super talented big Irish horse who we hope for wonderful things. *The Alchemist*, owned by Debbie Rosen, was James' ride in the 3* and they were 4th, which was pretty incredible as he had been riding the big boy for only 3 weeks.

James was at Woodside in San Francisco, designing and building

the courses there for the event in the summer. In August, he flew to New York to take his exam for his big R as a cross country course designer. James will then be able to design up to Advanced. There are only 3 big R designers in North America, so this is HUGE! Plans are to do the 3* at Galway in November with *The Alchemist* and hopefully Rolex in April (if no-one buys him) and to look at moving Annie and Ben up so they may be ready to do Rolex the following year.

Although busy with riding, training, competing, coaching and designing and building, James and Taren would welcome any Manitobans wanting to spend some time eventing in California.

Follow Taren's blog about James at atkinsoneventing.tumblr.com.

There is something
about the outside of
a horse that is good
for the inside of a
man.

- Winston Churchill

Thank You's from the MHT President

I could not emphasize enough the great member support that has continued to be part of keeping Manitoba Horse Trials going...If you happen to see any of these individuals out and about, please feel free to extend them hugs, snuggles, handshakes or noogies. THANK YOU ALL FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO AND CONTINUE TO DO TO SUPPORT MANITOBA HORSE TRIALS, MYSELF, THE COMPETITORS AND FAMILYS.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Danae Martin. In February of 2012 when we did a board shuffle, I managed to convince

Danae to stay on the board as "not on the board" as a liaison for MHT within the community as a touchstone for support and knowledge. This small request turned into one of the most invaluable mentorships I have forged within the

equestrian community in the last year. I could not thank Danae enough for supporting me with physical labor and assistance (ALWAYS BRINGS HAPPY VOLUNTEERS!), but constant knowledge and support. The insane series of random questions I have asked her would lead the average person to the brink of insanity. She has stepped in when I have double booked myself, coordinated clinicians & derbies, has been my ears when I couldn't hear and my compass when I was lost. Very romantic I know, but the challenges posed when taking on a position as vast as "President" were more than I had ever imagined. AND she manages this all in between being in an out of province, her barn and other equestrian boards and committees unrelated to Manitoba. I thank you from the bottom of my little heart for being there, and letting me know I was doing ok, and being a cornerstone for a club that I and many others are very passionate about.

Next on my list of very important thank yous is Eileen Blais. A shadow in your email notifications, Eileen has been the brain cloud thundering through the writings of these new fancy newsletters, the MHT website and facebook page. Not a job for the faint of heart, Eileen also manages to compete, assist in competition set up and maintain all of the above. She was 99% responsible for locking in Shelmerdine Garden Center in as a sponsor and 100% responsible picking up and delivering the florals to the grounds in July. Eileen has been a constant source of creative ideas, idea cultivating and innovation for MHT this year. Yet again, a constant source of support for Manitoba Horse Trials, and myself, we have had many a night of bottled grape juice and thunderclouds creating new visions for Horse Trials. Thank you so much for supporting my ideas, creating ideas and being the vision Horse Trials truly needs to survive in equestrian sport.

Gerri Sweet has been a constant



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quiet (!) supporter and mentor to myself within the equestrian community for many years. Her "quiet" role within Horse Trials is reflective of her greater role in the equestrian community as Manitoba Horse Council President. Geri has been yet another fabulous mentor to myself, with her wealth of knowledge across the Manitoba Equestrian community, as well as Canada. She has continued to mow THE ENTIRE of the Bird's Hill cross country field for MHT on a regular basis, which on average with a large tractor & bush-hog takes close to 2 days to complete at a time. Thank you so much Geri for your input and direction, it has been incredibly valuable to me in the last 10 months.

Val & Phil Crowe, or ValPhil as they tend to be called, are the absolute glue that holds MHT as one. I believe they have stood on the board longer than...well long. MHT and I are more than lucky to have them as our constant everything. Usually seen in the show office, Val can always be found as some form of secretary and Phil as treasurer. The efficiency of this team is unmatched. Keeping myself on the straight and narrow path to success, the ideas and knowledge Team ValPhil have with Pony Club and Horse Trials goes well beyond any words I could write. Thank you so very much for supporting myself, and your love of the equestrian community.

Tecla Dophide, as many of you know has

been my long standing coach of many years. She was charged many a year ago with dealing with my adolescent self, and continues to deal with my adolescent self today...Always the voice of reason, Tecla has been a constant supporter to myself, thinking of everything I have been unable to as a result of my wet feet. Tecla was responsible for the courses in July, and has constantly participated in maintenance of the MHT grounds as well as building and rebuilding of fences. Thank you for everything over the many, many years as well as being the bird on my shoulder this last year. I would know nothing without you.

Clare Harris has been a new friend and yet again, another mentor to myself this year. When I approached Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association about a reciprocity agreement, Clare kindly took a step forward to spearheading MHJA's "MHT Sub-Committee". She has taken many hours of her time to liaise with myself, thinking of new ideas for the clubs to work together, and has been a constant source of support with the challenges posed with venturing into new territory. Clare's kindness and genuine love of the Manitoba Equestrian community can always be found in her tireless efforts with MHJA, and now as an outreach for myself with MHT. Thank you very much for the warm welcome and support, it has been greatly appreciated.

The Brown family has taken a broader role in the last year, Cathy, Krista and Daryl Brown have had background roles this year

with course maintenance that includes participating in maintenance and moving of the big cross country fences. Thank you for your support, and the use of your skid! Everyone is well aware of my inability to use a hammer, as well as my inability to hold onto anything heavier than 40lbs for longer than 35 seconds...without the mechanical assistance and time put in by Browns, our course will have seen very little change this year.

The following volunteers have also made several appearances in course maintenance, grounds support or MHT support::

Pat Napier & Julia, Raelene & Ryan James, Eric, Helen & Colton Martin, Dominick Blais, Jen Low & Kevin, Christine Kveder & Bryan, Erika Rob, Teri & Kent Gudmundson, John Mohering, Sarah & Callum Reid, Kerry Pilkey, Ashley Panagapko, Ken Heibert, Jaclyn Yetman, Robby Norris, and Ashley Fudge. Apologies if names were missed!

A special side thanks to the members of MHJA's MHT Sub-Committee, Clare Harris, Andrew Curry, Catlin Bunkowsky, Leslie Bachynski & Hugh Crawley.

MHT would not have had a successful season without any of you! Thank you for donating your time and effort. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, MHT thanks you and our competitors especially thank you.

Carly Norris, MHT President

Membership 2013

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 License** from Equine Canada
2. You must obtain your **Canadian Eventing** membership with your Sport License 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 also be paid to use the cross country course in BHP)

MHT membership form can be found at www.manitobahorsetrials.com

and mailed to: Phil Crowe
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!!



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MHT would like to wish everyone

WARM WINTER WISHES



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Anyone can be a member of MHT? Memberships are not only for athletes but also supporters of the sport. Money raised through memberships helps with running shows/derbies, hiring officials, facility rental fees and many other important costs. If you or someone you know would like to assist MHT by becoming a 2013 member, forms may be found on the website at: manitobahorsetrials.com

For membership information, please contact Phil Crowe at 204-535-2368 or pvcrowe@mts.net



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Hours

Mon: 10am—6pm

(only Headingley, Oakbank closed)

Tues - Fri: 10am - 6pm

Saturday: 10am - 6pm

Sundays: Closed

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
- ⇒ Remember to renew your memberships.
- ⇒ Submit photos and/or news for the website and newsletter.
- ⇒ New board members are welcome. Join us!
- ⇒ New Classified section on the website

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One of the new cross country jumps at Bird's Hill Park