

TO RIDE ON A
HORSE IS TO FLY
WITHOUT WINGS

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

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- MHC MEC
- Fall MHT Derby
- Willville/PC Rally
- WAR HORSE
- 2014 Dates

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Manitoba Horse Trials News

OFFICIAL MHT NEWSLETTER

FALL 2013

MHT President's Farewell

Carly Norris

This was another fabulous year for Manitoba Horse Trials. Last January we had our AGM and Bud, Spud, and Steak at the Oakbank Motor Hotel. During this meeting we covered a lot of new information including the reciprocity agreements with Dressage Winnipeg and MHJA. We would also like to welcome our new board members: Pat Napier, Dana Young, Sarah Read, Joanna Kamali and Jennifer Low. I would like to thank our volunteers and all of our past and present board members; they have contributed a great amount of their time towards MHT and made it a great success.

This year, there were many events available to MHT members, including: a Trivia Challenge (hosted by Pony Club),

Traveling Schooling Show (organized by Karine Duhamel), "Show from Home", Chelan Kozak Clinic, Cross country fence building with Daryl Ramsay, May Derby, Saddlefit 4 Life



Jump building effort results

Lecture (organized by Ashley Fudge), June Derby, Free first aid for horses (by Dave Snell at Poco-Razz Farm), Dressage Canada's "Give it a Go!" program was launched, July Extrav-

aganza, Bingo fundraising event, Fall Derby, Manitoba Equestrian Championships, and Willville Harvest Horse Trials.

I had a great time during my term as MHT President and an amazing experience working with everyone. However, after a lot of thinking, I decided to resign my position as of September 1, 2013. Unfortunately I am unable to give the club the commitment and energy it deserves during the school year. That being said the last 2 years has taught me many things and the club has taken great strides forward. Thank you MHT for mentoring me, teaching me life lessons, and reinforcing that I am capable of anything. I will continue to support MHT as much as I can and assist the next president to the best of my ability.

Proposed Calendar of Events for 2014

2014 Dates

MHT AGM & BSS Nov 16, 2013

MHT Fence Building May 10th

Winter Fair Mar 31- Apr 5

MHJA Vic Day May 16-18

PC Rally May 24-25

Eventing Derby June 1st

Summer Fair June 5-8

Ride of Rides June 13-15

MHJA Summer Smiles June 20-22

MHT Event June 28-29

MHJA Beach Party July 3-6

PC Camp July 19-27

MHJA Memorial Derby Jul 25-28

MHJA Heart July 30-Aug 3

PC Rally Aug 8-9

MHJA Summer in City Aug 15-17

MHJA Fall Harvest Aug 22-24

Eventing Derby August 31

MEC Sept 19-20

JMHJA ump into Fall Sept 26-28

MHT AGM & BSS Oct 18

July HT & Extravaganza Written by Jennifer Low



Dianna Fraser on her horse, Kalee, in one of the open derby classes
Cynthia Leigh Photography

Manitoba Horse Trials held a horse show for many disciplines over the July long weekend. The event at Birds Hill Provincial Park included a horse trial, open derbies (in the Grand-Prix ring), dressage, and show jumping. The horse trials and derbies included Pre Entry- Training levels, dressage was offered at Pre-training to Level 2; and show jumping was offered from 2'6"/0.80m to 3'6"/1.10m. A total of 34 horses were on site including: 25 horse trial, 16 derby, 4 dressage, and 10 show jumping participants. As you can see

many of the competitors took advantage of the multi-discipline show and enrolled in more than one event.

It was wonderful to see riders, grooms, and supporters come together and enjoy our sport. This event would not have been possible without our numerous volunteers who covered all of the required positions. A lot of work was required prior to the event to prepare the site for competition and, of course, during the show there were many family members who made them-

selves available to help with jump judging and other jobs. Thank you very much to our volunteers! I would also like to take a moment to thank the Norris family. They were kind enough to open their home for a competitor's party, where a few were brave enough to test the cool waters in the pool. Thank you for the wonderful variety of food and great company!

Results can be found on the MHT Website:
manitobahorsetrials.com

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

Manitoba Equestrian Challenge 2013 Written by Eileen Blais

We had a great time at this year's MEC! The weather cooperated with us and the eventing went very well with a total of 13 riders competing! This show is a wonderful way to finish off the season to compete in a less competitive show at a very low cost!

Congratulations to everyone who came to compete as eventers!! Well done and we hope you all had a good time!

A special **thank you** goes out to all the amazing volunteers who helped us get the course and dressage ring ready beforehand, the dressage volunteers and jumping volunteers throughout the weekend!! You were all incredible and we thank you for all of your help to our club! It couldn't have happened without you!!

Another special thanks should go out to Paige Dueck and

Jennifer Low, who both stepped in to help organize the eventing part of MEC, AND they also rode horses in the show! Not an easy task to accomplish! Good job!! It seriously would not have happened without all of your hard work.

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Fall Derby Written by Paige Dueck

MHT held their last derby of the season on Sept 15 in the cross country field. This derby would not have happened without the help of our excellent, hardworking volunteers the day before. All the hard work paid off the following day; the course was mowed and decorated too, it looked great! Not only did it look fantastic but the old cross country course along with some

new jump additions proved to be challenging even to some of the more experienced eventers.

Derbies are a great place to start for newcomers to try out the sport of eventing. They offer a relaxed learning environment for both horses and riders while allowing for some competition among fellow eventers. The lower levels are great for getting a feel for what it is like to jump

out in a big field while the higher levels provide opportunities to work on pace and riding efficient lines. As the sport of three day eventing gains in popularity in Manitoba new and exciting improvements to the cross country field are on the horizon. Come out to one of our derbies next season and you just might get hooked on eventing!

War Horse

by Jennifer Low



Albert and Joey go for a run.

ven Spielberg film which earned six Oscar nominations (including best picture). There is even a Ted Talk entitled "Handspring Puppet Co.: The genius puppetry behind War Horse".

young to enlist in the army. The play follows both Albert and Joey during their war experiences.

I was fortunate enough to attend the War Horse launch event on October 4th, which included an interactive presentation with some key members involved in the show. Including the life-sized puppet, Joey, who is controlled by three puppeteers. These puppeteers control all of Joey's actions, one controls the head and ears; another controls the breathing and front legs; and a third controls the hind legs and tail.

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Broadway Across Canada is bringing the play War Horse to Winnipeg June 18-22, 2014 at the Centennial Concert Hall.

The play is based on Michael Morpurgo's novel by the same name and has also been a successful Ste-

ven Spielberg film which earned six Oscar nominations (including best picture). There is even a Ted Talk entitled "Handspring Puppet Co.: The genius puppetry behind War Horse".

SNOWBOUND

When: December 22,13

Time: 10am

Where: Sport Manitoba

Who: All coaches certified or not, anyone who teaches, parents

What: Respect in Sport on-line course required by Sport Manitoba

A horse is worth more than riches. - Spanish Proverb

AGM & Bud, Spud & Steak Fundraiser

Manitoba Horse Trials will be having the annual Bud, Spud & Steak Fundraiser and AGM on Saturday, November 16th.

The AGM will take place at Canad Inns, Windsor Park, 1034 Elizabeth Rd. in the Ambassador Room C (in the hotel) at 2:30pm - 4:30pm ish. We would encourage all members, competitors, family and friends to come to the meeting. There will be a whole heap of information discussed

along with many announcements regarding Manitoba Horse Trials for the 2014 season!

Bud, Spud & Steak Fundraiser will be held at COWBOYS, Canad Inns, Windsor Park, 1034 Elizabeth Rd at 5pm. This fun and exciting event will take place after the AGM. It's just a hop, skip and a jump away from where the AGM will take place until about 8:30pm when the bar is open to the public.

- Tickets for the BSS are \$20.00 each.
- Support tickets may be purchased for \$10 (for those who just want to support)
- All ages are allowed at the event!!

Get your tickets from any board members:
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Willville HT & Pony Club Rally

Written by Pat Napier

Willville Horse Trial and Manitoba Pony Club Regional Rally held September 27 & 28 was quite a success! The weather co-operated for the most part with the sun coming out after Dressage in time for the Cross-Country on Saturday afternoon. The courses were amazing with some truly gorgeous cross-country fences. The hospitality of the Fraser and Will families was truly appreciated. Thanks to the Baldur Pony Club and Dianna for tasty meals. Six Pony Club Teams participated in

Regional Rally. For many of the kids it was their first experience of a Horse Trial and Rally. It was great for the kids to see the open riders in the competition especially at the higher levels. Team members included the Captain, Stable Manager, Groom, and up to three riders per team. All members were judged throughout the Rally and many treasured ribbons were brought home. Thanks to the clubs who supported Rally with North Hill and Baldur sending two teams each, Mars Hill and Portage. Special thanks to the

awesome Pony Club parents who fundraised and made it possible for the kids to participate. Kudos to the judges, officials and volunteers for making the show run smoothly. Members of Manitoba Pony Club and Manitoba Horse Trials are looking forward to being invited back to compete again at Willville!



Cara Wiebe and Duchess over the corner jump. Top: Hillary Kowaluk in her stadium round.



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**MHT would like to thank
everyone for a fantastic
season!**



A special thank you goes out to Shelmerdine Garden Center for their generous donation of flowers and plants used at the July Horse Trials and Extravaganza!! Well over fifteen flats of annuals were donated, along with beautiful Banana leaf planters, that were used to decorate and jazz up many of the cross country fences and stadium ring at Bird's Hill Park! This is the second year in a row that we have received support from this wonderful business! We are extremely grateful for the generosity of businesses that are willing to support Manitoba Horse Trials. The course looked absolutely amazing!!



War Horse Information

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**Important for
coaches in 2014!**

Anyone coaching in Manitoba in 2014 (certified or not) must have their respect in sport online course offered by Sport MB.

This program will be offered Dec 22nd at Snowbound at the Sport Manitoba building.

Stay tuned for more information and check the Sport Manitoba site for more details.

coachingmanitoba.ca

During the short demonstration it was amazing to see the puppet who weighs 120 lbs, is approximately 10 feet long and 8 feet tall with over 20 joints, create a realistic experience. The puppeteers did a marvelous job of playing a horse; to see Joey breath, spook, and nibble on the host was impressive to say the least.

Ticket prices vary in price with seating available in 4 sections:

- 1) Orchestral Row 6-8 (\$73-100),
- 2) Orchestral Row 9-25 or First Balcony row 1-3 (\$66-91),
- 3) Orchestra Row 26-33 or First Balcony Row 4-6 (\$58-81), and

- 4) Second Balcony Row 1-4 (\$50-71).

With evening shows (7:30pm or 8:00pm start) on June 18-22nd, and matinées (2 pm) on June 21st and 22nd.

Please note that the lowest listed prices are for the Early Bird specials for groups of 10+ people, which expires on March 15th, 2014. If there is interest, Jennifer Low will organize a group purchase, please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more details.

Jump Building

The jump building effort in June was a great success! The jump builders included over 12 members and non-members along with guidance from Daryl Ramsay. Thank you for all who participated (on and off the field) in making jumps for the cross country course!! MHT is slowly, but surely, getting the course re-built for future events and derbies!

Remember: Rome wasn't built in a day!



**New cross country jumps in the July Extravaganza Horse Trials
Beautiful plant and floral décor generously donated by Shelmerdine Garden Center.**