

TO RIDE ON A
HORSE IS TO FLY
WITHOUT WINGS

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Manitoba Horse Trials News

OFFICIAL MHT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

MHT presents... Summer Horse Trails, Open Derby, Dressage & Show Jumping Extravaganza

This extravaganza will take place in beautiful Bird's Hill Provincial Park on **June 29th to July 1st, 2013.**

Here are some details on how it will work:

Levels offered

Horse Trials: Pre-Entry, Entry, Pre-Training, Training and Preliminary.

Derbies: Pre-Entry, Entry, Pre-Training, Training, Preliminary.

Dressage: Pre-Training, Training, Level 1, Level 2

Show Jumping: 0.7m, 0.85m, 0.90m, 1.0m and 1.10m

Horse Trials is a three day competition, with Dressage, XC and Stadium. A bronze or silver (Training & above) sports license is required. You may only ride

one level per horse. The **EC Entry Form** must be used.



Derby is a shortened Cross Country course with stadium fences interspersed on the track. The track is longer than the average stadium round. Derby classes will take place in the **Grand Prix Ring.**

Dressage will take place in the rings at the MHC site and run as a typical show.

Show Jumping will take place in the Grand Prix ring and run as a typical show.

You must have a membership in MHC and in MHT (juniors with memberships in PC, DW and MHJA will be accepted).

Approved safety equipment required, as per EC Rules; vests are required for Derby & XC.

There will be something for everyone this fine long-weekend! Manitoba Horse Trials is excited to offer this incredible opportunity for our partners in the equestrian community.

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Calendar of Events for 2013

2013 MHT Dates

Chelan Clinic	April 27-28
Spring Fling Derby	May 12
(cancelled)	
Fence Building	June 1-2
Meet Fences Derby	June 2
Combined Event	June 29-July 1
MHC MEC	Sept 7-8
Fall Derby	Sept 15

2013 MHJA Dates

*Victoria Day	May 17-19
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

2013 Dressage Winnipeg Dates

**Kendra McBain	May 11-12
(cancelled)	
**Capt. DeKenyeres	June 15-16
Mid-Summer Madness	July 6
**MB Prov. Championship	Aug 31-Sept 1

*MHJA Both available for MHT members as per reciprocity agreement

**DW Choice of 2 out of 3 shows available for MHT members as per reciprocity agreement

Manitobans Represent

Written by Paige Dueck



Paige & Chase at
Otter Creek Summer
HT

For me eventing started the summer of 2001 when I was a working student in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Since that summer I had gone to an event or two with Eastridge Farm here in Manitoba but I had difficulty finding the time and money for the sport. Last winter I began working towards my *Instructor of Beginners certification* and met Lesa Cafferty at one of the coaching clinics. I had been riding my horse, Chase, for four years and Lesa agreed to be our coach in the spring. It was then that she told me that she travels south to eventing competitions. I decided then and there that this was going to be my summer for eventing. My husband Marcus and I loaded up our truck and trailer

and headed for the border. This was the start to an incredible 2012 show season.

A convoy of four horse and rider teams headed out on my first trip to Otter Creek Summer HT, held Aug 10-12, 2012 in Wheeler WI. This family run operation is a beautiful ex-dairy farm, which has been converted into a horse facility. The scenery, course, and facilities are incredible. Cara Wiebe, Eileen Blais and I competed at the Beginner Novice level (Entry level); all of us were either green or rusty at the sport and did very well, considering. Lesa went Training and moved closer to her goal of riding at the Preliminary level by the end of the sum-

mer. All of us had room to improve and goals to work towards after this event. I would say the biggest challenge I faced was the steep, hilly terrain and how it affected my horse's balance and speed.

On the second trip south, three teams of horse and rider headed to Steepleview Labour Day HT, held in Delano, MN. This family-run facility held their first HT event last summer. Eileen and I rode Beginner Novice again and Lesa rode her last Training of the season, we all finished well into the ribbons and our horses were so brave! My biggest challenge at this event was keeping chase focused during warm ups, there

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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
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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!!

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

Chelan Kozak Clinic Review

Written by Shelagh Deacon



Shelagh & her
mount Fallon

First time
with clinician,
Chelan Kozak

The first spring weekend this year was April 27th and 28th, 2013. While most other barns were still shoveling snow, the riders at Eastridge Farm were actually riding outside on the grass! I am talking of course about the Chelan Kozak clinic! Chelan comes to us from BC with her vast knowledge and experience as an eventing competitor. She was named

team in 1991 and competed for Canada at the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta. She has even competed here in Manitoba during the 1994 Pan Am games. Chelan is a level 3 coach who enjoys working with all levels of riders.

This was the first time that my horse Fallon and I have ridden with Chelan. She made the clinic fun and very challenging. The fences were not high, but the lines were difficult, having to weave in and out of jumps and pylons at the same time. You really had to think through your course.

We had three riders in our group including myself. Chelan was able to assist each horse and rider combination with their unique challenges. For myself I was nervous about going down the bank. I didn't know how to position my body, or know what my horse would do. Chelan explained how to keep the upper body straight rather than folding forward, let me approach in a trot and to my surprise it wasn't really a big deal after all. She explained the exercises and provided several strategies to work through difficulties.

I could see all three of us in our

Manitoban's continue to Represent south of the border



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Paige and Chase at Roebke's Run Fall HT - 1st place Novice division (Pre-Training division)

Otter Creek gave us all a chance to work on the terrain and cross country jumps that may have given us challenges at the summer HT. I finally got the hang of riding cross country on steep hills after this event; balance, balance, bal-

and windy, even with a little snow! After dressage I was dead last because of Chase's lack of focus. In cross country and stadium Chase jumped everything very bravely and did not question me when I asked him to do things my way, landing us a first place ribbon! What a great way to end off the season!

Heading south with our little Canadian convoy was so much fun! We were known as the crazy Canadians and we always made sure to proudly display our Canadian flags. I have a great coach, a super support group and willing partners (horse and human) that allow me to compete in this awesome sport and I am ready to keep it up next year!

ance!

The fourth and final event was Roebke's Run HT, held October 6-7 in Hector, MN. Though the terrain was less challenging, the courses had more technical questions and spooky decorations than the other events. I had a bit of trouble keeping Chase focused during dressage because it was very cold

was a lot to look at out there! The third event was back at Otter Creek for their fall HT held September 21-23. Eileen rode her last Beginner Novice, I moved up to Novice (Pre-Training) and Lesa competed in her first Preliminary event. Going back to

Join us at **BHP** for our first **eventing derby** of the season on **Sunday, June 2nd, 2013!**

Featuring some **new cross country fences!!**

Successful Fundraiser - MHT BSS

The Bud, Spud & Steak on January 19th at the Twin Barrel in Oakbank was a great success! A gargantuan thank you goes out to all of the wonderful people who came out to support Manitoba Horse Trials!! The support and generosity demonstrated by everyone in attendance was absolutely overwhelming! We raised a respectable amount of money for the club to build a whole slew of new fences on the cross country course in Bird's Hill Park!

Thank you to the businesses and people who generously donated prizes to the silent/chinese/rainbow auction-draw at

the Bud, Spud & Steak:

- Manitoba Theatre Centre
- Winnipeg Elite Boxing & MMA
- SMACK Dog Food
- Chelsey Kent-Beauchamp & Tim Horton's
- Finales Coffee House
- Paul's Grinding Industries Ltd
- The Discount Warehouse (St. Boniface)
- Dr. Glenn Sinclair
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- Wild West Farm & Garden Ltd
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- ATOMIC Hair Studio
- Evergreen Farms
- CROWNCAP

Keep your eyes open for some new, fancy cross country jumps this year!

A horse is worth more than riches.
- Spanish Proverb

Building with Daryl Ramsay June 1st & 2nd

Finally, Spring has sprung and summer is just about here! You may recall what the weather was like at the beginning of April when Daryl's visit was originally scheduled. Snow, snow and more snow!

Mother Nature did not cooperate with us for our cross country fence building party on April 7th & 8th. There were mounds and mounds of snow on top of all of the fences and

materials on the cross country course which made seeing and getting materials totally inaccessible with vehicles.

Daryl is now able to see the kinds of fences we already have, as well as the 'lay of the land' to properly get fences built for us.

We plan to build 15 - 20 brand, spanking new fences to add to our

cross country course this year!

Building will take place directly on the field of play on June 1st and June 2nd!

Hope to see everyone out there! Stay tuned for the results of our fence building effort in the summer newsletter.!



Daryl Ramsay and his wife Lynda at Mission Creek Ranch



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MHT would like to wish everyone a
**SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL
 SHOW SEASON!**

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Anyone can be a member of MHT? Member-ships are not only for athletes but also sup-porters 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 some-one you know would like to assist MHT by becoming a 2013 member, forms may be found on the website at:

manitobahorsetrials.com

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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.
- ⇒ Reciprocity Agreement can be found on the website

Shelagh & Fallon with Chelan

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group improve by the second day. I always feel on the second day of a clinic that you are more at ease with the coach and can relax and take more in. It didn't hurt that it was the first beautiful sunny weekend after such a long drawn out winter! The horses were fresh since they hadn't been jumping outside all winter, but luckily they had enough to focus on that they didn't get too carried away with themselves. We had several people out to watch and enjoy the day. There were several people including myself, who trailered their horses in to take part in this event. I think it is a great way to start the outdoor jumping season. I look forward to taking what I learned and getting out to Bird's Hill Park for some courses.

Hopefully Chelan will visit us again in the near future. I look forward to another clinic and would encourage anyone else to participate. It seems intimidating when you have little to no eventing experience, but I quickly realize that doesn't matter. Everyone has to start somewhere!



Spectators enjoying the weather and the Chelan Kozak clinic at Eastridge Farm on April 27th & 28th.