

TO RIDE ON A
HORSE IS TO FLY
WITHOUT WINGS

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- June 1st Derby
- BHP HT June 27-29
- Barrel Racers need our help
- Greenhawk sponsorship
- Year End Awards
- Decorations needed
- Missing plaques and wheel

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OFFICIAL MHT NEWSLETTER

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MHT President's Message Paige Dueck

Greetings fellow Eventers!

I am going to take this opportunity to formally introduce MHT's new structure. I currently hold the position of president while Eileen Blais and Jennifer Low are my counter parts holding the vice president titles. Together the three of us have taken on the challenge of keeping the club alive while also competing in our events.

I joined MHT in 2010 when Lesa Cafferty was president, then Carly Norris stepped in to the president position. When Carly announced she was stepping down from her roll as president Jen, Eileen and I stepped into finish off the 2013 Eventing season. It was only when I started to take a leadership roll in the club rather than just a competitor's roll that I really realized

how much work it is to run a MHT event! Manitoba Horse Trials relies on volunteers to plan, set up, execute, and clean after all of its events and if there



Paige and her mount, Chase, at the Summer Otter Creek Horse Trials 2013 in Wisconsin. Training Division

are not enough volunteers the club can not continue to hold any events. There is a small group of core volunteers who come out at every opportunity

and I would love to see some new faces come out to help. We as a club are going through growing pains but I do think we are on the right track to increase awareness and popularity for the sport once again in the province.

We have a great season planned and I hope all of you come out to either ride or support the sport this season, tell your riding friends about MHT and see if you can get them to come down and try it out for a day at the derbies or HT. This is a perfect opportunity to take advantage of our reciprocity agreements. If you have adoring fans, see if they can volunteer at an event in between cheering you on! Now is the time to get those horses fit for the season! Happy Riding!

Paige Dueck, MHT President
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Calendar of Events for 2014

Course Clean Up	May 10th	DW Show	June 27-29	PC Testing	Aug 20-21
MHJA Vic Day	May 16-18	Beach Party	July 3-6	MHJA Fall Harvest	Aug 22-24
PC Rally	May 24-25	PC Evaluation Clinic	July 9-12	MHT Derby	Aug 31
DW Show	May 31-June 1	PC Camp	July 19-27	DW Show	Sept 6-7
MHT Derby	June 1st	MHJA Mem Derby	July 25-28	MEC	Sept 19-21
Summer Fair	June 5-8	MHJA Heart	July 30-Aug 3	MHJA Jump into Fall	Sept 26-28
Ride of Rides	June 13-15	PC Rally / Willville HT	Aug 8-10	MHT AGM/BSS/Awards	Oct 18
Summer Smiles	June 20-22	MHJA Summer in City	Aug 15-17	PC AGM/Awards	Nov 1
MHT Horse Trials	June 27-29	PC Champs	Aug 15-17		



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Did you know??

- ◆ Our first Eventing Derby will be taking place on Sunday, June 1st on the cross country field starting at 10am! Get your entry form to Val Crowe prior to the show!
- ◆ Help is needed to get the course ready for the derby. Mark **Saturday, May 31st** on your calendar! Remember we can't run these shows without your help. Contact Jennifer Low, Dana Young or Sarah Read to lend a hand.
- ◆ Our first Horse Trials event will occur on **June 27 - 29**. Start getting you and your horse in shape! Volunteers will also be needed to get ready for this exciting show!
- ◆ Be on the look out for NEW Cross Country jumps!
- ◆ Competitors/participants at all MHT shows are responsible for knowing the rules! Please be sure to review all eventing rules so that you can have the best experience possible. Rules can be found at equinecanada.ca.
- ◆ Our events require a great deal of volunteer support. Did you know that we often get many volunteers from people who aren't even MHT members? Drivers, barrel racers and jumpers. Please consider supporting other groups!
- ◆ The Barrel Racers need volunteers for their June 6-8 competition. Please lend a hand! Contact: Debbie Champagne at 204-444-4812.



MHT Odds and Ends

◆ **Year End Awards**

We will be awarding high point and reserve winners this year at our Bud, Spud and Steak fundraising event on October 18, 2014 (location TBA).

Prizes and awards will be given to the individuals (horse/rider combination) who have accumulated the most points in a division.

Please see the website for details about eligibility for awards.

We are also looking for all of the plaques that were awarded back in 2009! If you or anyone you know has one of these plaques, please let us know! We would like to get them engraved for this year's high point champion.

HELP US FIND THE PLAQUES!

- ◆ Also missing in action: the **MHT distance wheel**. Please let us know if you have seen it or know of its whereabouts.

HELP US FIND OUR DISTANCE WHEEL!

- ◆ **Heads Up!** Please be prepared for mandatory volunteer hours and volunteer cheques next year. Did you know that MHT is one of the only clubs that does not have mandatory volunteer hours??

- ◆ Decorations for the cross country jumps are needed! If you have fake flowers, lawn ornaments, barrels, any kind of items that can be used to decorate the jumps, please let us know so that we can use them for the derby!

We would like to make the course look great for you!



Course clean up at BHP on May 10th

Thanks to Geri Sweet, Harry Crawley, Eileen Blais, Paige Dueck, Shelagh Deacon, Tecla Dopheide, Cathy Brown, Allan Thompson, Marnie Johnson, Jennifer Low and Kevin McEleney for great work!!



Keep your eyes open for some pretty slick prizes during the Horse Trials at the end of June! Prizes will be given up to third place! Greenhawk has been very generous with Manitoba Horse Trials in providing us with some very nice prizes at very reasonable prices! They have also given us a sponsorship package this year too!

Embroidery on these fine items will be done by Safeguard located in Oakbank.

Thank you to the staff at Greenhawk Winnipeg, especially Stephanie Sawatzky for being so patient with me on the phone and of course, Janet Miner and Anna Savard for their generosity!

THANK YOU GREENHAWK!!