

TO RIDE ON A HORSE IS
TO FLY WITHOUT WINGS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Coming back to MHT
- MHT Derbies
- MHC MEC
- Willville HT
- EC Jump Build and design clinic
- BHP HT Results
- Successful Fundraiser

2015 BOARD MEMBERS

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Officers will be elected at the first 2015 MHT meeting on January 11th at the Roadhouse, 11am.



Manitoba Horse Trials News



OFFICIAL MHT NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2014/2015

MHT President's Message Paige Dueck

It's that time of year again, frozen ground and blowing snow has arrived marking an end to MHT's 2014 season. Eventers across the province are shifting from a summer training schedule to a winter survival program. I hope all of you avid eventers find a way to keep fit over the winter to prepare for another great season with MHT in 2015!

All in all, the 2014 season was successful. MHT continues to struggle with low membership and a general lack of riders in the sport of three-day eventing. This being said, our small group of riders has a massive support network made up of friends, family and avid horse lovers. Our first effort in the spring was to run a Chelan Kozak clinic which was cancelled due to poor participation. We ran 2 derbies, held 1 horse trial, attended Willville's horse trial, participated in the Manitoba Equestrian Championship, and held an Equine Cana-

da course design and building clinic. It seemed as though it rained for every MHT event this season which made a tough sport even tougher.



Paige and Woody August 2014 at Willville HT

Our AGM was held November 15 where we discussed our plans for 2015. There are some good things on the way and great ideas coming to the table from members and coaches who are dedicated to growing an interest in MHT and helping our riders move up in the sport and stick with it. Some of

the ideas we tossed around include a new two-day derby format which would include a dressage test and derby round each day, hosting a new clinician on the cross-country field, and adding a Training/Prelim level to our derbies.

I want to put a big thank you out there for all of the riders and their support teams that attended and volunteered at our events this past year. We need a lot of help to run these events as they are a lot of work to put on! But, the great feeling you have after a derby or horse trial is worth it every time!

I encourage anybody interested in MHT to attend our next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2015. Meetings are a great place to put forward new ideas and share your perspective on how to raise interest in our sport.

Happy Winter Riding!
-Paige Dueck

Tentative Show Dates 2015 (MHT, DW, MHJA, PC, Campbell's)

Feb 6-8 BLHPSI schooling show
Feb 20-22 BLHPSI schooling show
Feb 28 Westman Quiz - PVPC
Mar 1 MHC Coaching Eval App due
March 6-7 Brandon Pony Club show
March 21 Eastman Quiz/MHPC/RRPC
Mar 30-Apr 4 Brandon Winter Fair
April 11 CPC AGM - Calgary
April 11 Regional Quiz - Portage
April 18 Lungeing Clinic - Eastridge
May 1-3 Horse 3 - Brandon
May 15-17 MHJA Victoria Day & NH
and QR Pony Clubs Show - BHP
May 29-31 Regional Working Rally &
DW Show & MHT Eventing Derby
June 12-14 MHJA Ride of Rides

June 19-21 MHJA Summer Smiles
June 27-28 DW Show & MHT Eventing
Derby BHP
July 2-5 MHJA Beach Party
July 12 NHPC Derby BHP XC course
July 15-17 Evaluation Clinic - Selkirk
July 17-19 Beat the Heat, Campbell's
July 18-25 Camp - Selkirk Park
July 15-19 National Dressage - Olds
July 23-26 National Showjumping, SK
July 24-27 MHJA Marcie Schweizer
Jul 29-Aug 2 MHJA Heart - RREx
Aug. 7-9 Regional Rally - Willville
Aug. 14-16 Regional Show Jumping/
Dressage / MHJA Summer in the City
- RREx

Aug 15-16 DW Show - BHP
Aug 28-30 Regional Test Date (CI
and above)
Sept 4-6 tbd MHJA Fall Harvest
Sept 12-13 DW Show
Sept 18-20 tbd MHJA Jump into Fall
Oct 9-12 National Quiz hosted by
Alberta South, Calgary
Oct 30-Nov 1 Jump for the Cure,
Campbell's Show, Keystone Centre,
Brandon
Nov 7 MPC AGM & MPC Banquet,
Portage
Nov 20-22 Deck the Stalls, Camp-
bell's Show, Keystone Centre, Bran-
don

Coming Home by Lisa Reimer



Lisa and her young horse, Stella, at the Manitoba Equestrian Championships

I first joined MHT in 2009, attending my first event at Willville that spring. Living in Saskatchewan, Manitoba offered the best opportunity to event, and I wasn't disappointed by my experience! Having young, green horses, which had not yet competed at a horse trials, MHT offered a fantastic environment for them. Inviting courses and outstanding sportsmanship by the organizers, officials, volunteers, spectators, and

fellow competitors made for a perfect outing for both of my young horses and me!

Life, work, and a few moves kept me out of the MHT scene for a few years. I returned this year, and while some of the faces were different, the welcoming and supportive atmosphere remained unchanged!

Living in Manitoba now, I look forward to being both

part of, not only the competition scene, but also a member of the MHT board.

I look forward to meeting everyone, recruiting some new members, and enjoying a great 2015 eventing season!

~ Lisa Reimer, New MHT Board Member

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

MHT Derbies — An Excellent Introduction to Eventing

By Sheri Parkinson (New MHT Board)
I must confess the real name of this piece is "two middle-aged, out-of-shape broods return to the competition ring". My background is in hunters and jumpers with a season of fox-hunting thrown in. More recently, with our move from Ontario to sunny Manitoba, it has been more of an occasional random trail ride. But, as the summer farm renovations were under control, I made it my goal to get back in the

saddle and foray into the world of eventing! Luckily, common sense prevailed and instead of a green horse or my pinto who is decidedly "quirky", I elected to drag my broodmare who was on a break from mom duty back into work as she had evented up to Training level with her previous owner's kids. She got kids around safely at the training level, so I figured getting an adult amateur around entry level should be do-able. So, in a moment of

enthusiasm I entered the June Derby. The Derby is a short cross country course with stadium jumps added. It is designed to be an introduction to eventing for both horses and riders. Levels start with "Give us a lead" cross rail (stadium only) and Pre-entry (2'6") classes where you can get a lead from an experienced team, then continue with classes at cross rail, pre entry, entry (2'9"), pre-training

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MHC Manitoba Equestrian Championship

Chloe Shepherd and Hemingway at MEC



We had a fantastic time at this year's MEC! There was a total of 10 rider-horse combinations.

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

A special thank you goes out to all of the wonderful and amazing volunteers who helped us get the course and dressage ring ready before-

hand and all the help throughout the weekend!

Another special thanks goes out to Kevin McEleney who scored for us all weekend!

We couldn't have done it without all the help we received!

My Experience: Willville Horse Trials By Jessica Clemens-Reid



Jessica and Sam at the 2014 Willville HT.

I can wholeheartedly say that Willville is the **best** event I've ever been to. The majority of my eventing career has taken place in the Southern U.S., where horse trials are pretty similar at every venue. From the second I turned into the drive at Willville, I could

tell it would stand out against my previous expectations. I loved that most people camped on site and ate meals together in the town hall. As a newcomer, the meal plan was a wonderful way for me to meet other competitors. The property is immaculate, the jumps were nicely decorated, there were even twinkle lights set up in the stabling area, and my horse appreciated the free apples all weekend. Finally, on

Sunday as I was sitting in the warm grass next to all my new friends waiting for the awards to start, I figured out what was different about Willville. Everyone was having FUN! I didn't see any crying juniors, or stressed out coaches or cranky officials (at least not at that moment!). It was totally refreshing and really blew me away.

Thanks again Dianna, and everyone else associated with putting on this great event!

- Jessica Clemens-Reid , New MHT Member

A horse is worth more than riches.

- Spanish Proverb

MHT Derbies

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(3') and training (3'3") heights. Judging is based on optimum time and jumping faults. You have the option of doing more than one round at a given height (first round only is judged). Dress is casual with helmet, safety vest and medical armbands required.

I did the pre-entry and entry classes. The jumps were straight forward, and footing was good. The organisers were helpful and competitors were friendly. I discovered walking a course with a colour blind husband trying to spot coloured

numbers is rather futile. Even though I used to jump 4' coops in the hunt field, a 2'9" coop looks really big when you walk a course after not really jumping for a few years. Thankfully, my mare doesn't measure jumps and was not concerned. A short cross country course is long when you are out of shape and more used to single, outside line, diagonal, outside line. According to my mare orange and yellow shiny stadium poles were an affront to her fashion sense. Nonetheless, we



made it around both and finished to the cheers of my fellow competitors.

Though not in the ribbons we considered the day a success.

The Derbies are a great way to introduce riders and horses to the sport of eventing and a fun cross-training opportunity for hunters, jumpers and dressage horses. MHT will be hosting a series of derbies in the upcoming season so show your support for MHT, have some fun, and join us in 2015.



EC Jump Build and Design Clinic

On September 25-28, MHT held the Canadian Eventing Course Design Practical Building & Theory Course. Hosting this course provided MHT with the opportunity to educate local riders, coaches and designers as well as build new jumps for the cross country course in Birds Hill Park. The course was led by Jay Hamby and Laurie Rowan, both accomplished cross country jump builders and course designers. There were a total

of 16 participants: riders, coaches, officials, course designers and course designer hopefuls attending from Canada's West coast all the way to the East coast. There was great attendance from Manitoba residents with seven of us attending the clinic. The first two days were dedicated to modern course design as well as modern jump design whereas the second two days were spent building four new xc jumps, one of which fitted

with the newest safety hardware called a MIM clip. In order to keep Manitoba's riders moving up to the higher levels, we need courses such as these to keep our coaches and officials current on the rules and expectations of the sport on a global scale. The new jumps will be a part of our spring painting and repair day which is currently being planned, stay posted for a date announcement for this!



Participants of the Canadian Eventing Course Design and Building Clinic at BHP



Manitoba Horse Trials

Attention: ALL MEMBERS

Manitoba Horse Trials will hold its first board meeting of 2015

Who: EVERYONE - Board Members, non-board members, friends and family!

Date: Sunday, January 11th, 2015

Time: 11:00 am

Where: Roadhouse Eatery, 5540 Portage Ave

Why: Many, many important changes, future of MHT, Secretary & Treasurer Needed

We hope to see many people in attendance!

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Successful Fundraiser Bud, Spud & Steak

The Bud, Spud & Steak on November 15th, 2014 at Cowboys, Canad Inns Windsor Park was a great success! An enormous 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 was absolutely overwhelming! We raised a respectable amount of money for the club to put toward building and maintaining 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:

- Dianna Fraser
- Pineridge Dental
- DS Industrial (Signe & Dave Berger)
- Mordha Farms
- Eastridge Farm
- Tim Horton's (Chelsey Kent-Beauchamp)
- Paige Dueck & Jennifer Low
- Cupcakes by Jacqueline
- David & Wendy Lien
- Sphere Media Productions
- Geri Sweet
- Rogers Wireless
- Airsource, Rogers Wireless
- Wild West
- Elite Boxing & MMA
- Canad Inns



Birds Hill Park Horse Trials 2014

RESULTS

Pre-Entry

- 1st Helen Martin (Buckaroo)
- 2nd Sabrina Kendall (Skysong)
- 3rd Jazmine Switzer (Cappacino)
- 4th Paige Dueck (Zoom)
- 5th Chloe Shepherd (Stitch In Time)

Entry

- 1st Kerry Moore (Jack Be Nimble)
- 2nd Kerry Pilkey (Gizmo)
- 3rd Melanie Streeter (Bandit)
- 4th Pat Napier (Great Gusto)
- 5th Jeanette Cornwell (Happenstance)
- 6th Cinnamon Allison (Tiger Bomb)



Helen Martin
1st Place Pre-Entry Division



Kerry Moore
1st Place Entry Division

Pre-Training

- 1st Paige Dueck (Woody)
- 2nd Shelagh Deacon (Fallon)



Paige Dueck
1st Place Pre-Training Division

Congratulations

◆ Jennifer Low-McEleney and Kevin on the birth of their son, Teddy

◆ Cynthia Kulczycki on her wedding July 19th, 2014

We hope to see you both back in the saddle in 2015!!