

Dear MHT members,

Hello from the new President of Manitoba Horse Trials! I'd like to thank our Past President, Paige, and the entire 2018 board for all their hard work last year. We had so many great events, and an amazing sanctioned horse trial last summer!

Before I go into all our great plans for 2019, I want to introduce myself. I'm Tanya. Some of you may have seen me volunteering at events last summer. I was often a whipper in (you all did great listening and getting where you needed to be on time, which kept things running smoothly, so thank you!). I also got to do some jump judging, which was so exciting for me!

This year I finally have a horse that I'm hoping to show. She's an older Gypsy, and belongs to a friend of mine. It will be my first year doing any horse trials and I'm super excited to be able to show with all of you!

I also have a small hobby farm between Anola and Ste. Anne (Rosewood Farm) and currently have dogs, goats, and chickens. I'm hoping to add more animals (including horses of my own!) as we get things set up over the next few years.

But enough about me, I'm sure you all want to hear about all the great events our board has for you this year!

April 27 to 28 we have a clinic at Eastridge and Birds Hill Park with Robin Hahn. He represented Canada at the Olympics in 1968, 1972 and 1976, and at the Pan Am games in 1967 (where he placed 6<sup>th</sup>) and 1971 (where he was captain of the gold medal team).

May 5 (weather date of May 26) will be the Katrina Livingstone Memorial Derby. Katrina was a lovely young woman who participated in many past derbies on her horse Zierra. Sadly, Katrina passed away in December 2018. She loved Eventing and we are honoured to be able to host a derby in her memory. Katrina was working with MSAR Service Dogs at the time getting her dog Ellie trained to be a service dog. We will be raising funds at the derby to donate to MSAR in her memory.

June 9 will be our second derby of the year, followed by the Willville Horse Trials July 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>.

August 17 to 19<sup>th</sup> will be our sanctioned event, the Birds Hill Park Horse Trials.

Our season will end with a derby on September 8. This last derby will likely be stadium and cross country, as Dressage Winnipeg is holding an event that weekend and we encourage you to enter their show if you'd like to get some extra dressage work in this show season.

I would also encourage you to check out Manitoba Horse Council's calendar of events on a regular basis and contacting any clubs hosting events that you may be interested in!

Finally, a reminder of the rule change regarding body protectors that will be implemented this year:

2. Body Protector/Inflatable Vest  
2.1 A body protector vest is mandatory for the warm-up and the cross-country test. A body protector vest may also be worn for the warm up and during other tests. Body Protector vests must meet or exceed, and be appropriately labelled ASTM approved standard F1937 or BETA Level 3 body protector standard.  
2.2 An inflatable vest may be worn:  
• Only when worn over an approved body protector vest during the warmup for and for the cross country test  
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• As a standalone item of dress for the warm-ups for and during the dressage and jumping tests only if it has been approved for use without a body protector vest by the manufacturer. The inflatable vest must always be worn on the outside of other garments.  
2.3 Violation of this rule shall be penalized at the discretion of the Ground Jury, and may result in elimination.  
2.4 Competitors are strongly recommended to check their body protectors on a regular basis and to replace them if damaged.  
2.5 It is strongly advised that the body protector should impede neither flexibility nor balance.  
2.6 Stable, team or club colors are permitted.

A complete copy of Equestrian Canada's Eventing Rules can be found here:

[https://www.equestrian.ca/cdn/storage/resources\\_v2/HsQg4NEiftGADKpy7/original/HsQg4NEiftGADKpy7.pdf](https://www.equestrian.ca/cdn/storage/resources_v2/HsQg4NEiftGADKpy7/original/HsQg4NEiftGADKpy7.pdf)

We recommend that you verify that your eventing vest complies, as compliant vests will be required for anyone competing on the cross country course this year.

Happy Eventing!

Tanya Elrick, MHT President

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Just a heads up there are a few changes as of this year.

One is that [the last two digits of your membership number will be your competing number for the rest of this year,if you have not yet received your membership number please renew.](#)

Secondly, there is a great opportunity coming up for any interested in further developing their skills, in a [clinic with Robin Hahn.](#) There is also a [clean sport seance with Dr.Rossier, it will be held in the amphitheatre at brandon winter fair, it's also free admission.](#)

Speaking of new changes, just a vocabulary heads up, [unsanctioned shows will now be correctly called mini meets.](#)

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MHT's Awards night brought our 2018 season to an end. We had an exceptional group of sponsors that helped us through the season. MHT would like to again thank all of those who donated time, money and or equipment to our club, we need people like you to keep Three Day Eventing alive and well in Manitoba.

**2018 Sponsors in Cash Donations:**

Greenhawk Winnipeg  
Elders Equine

**2018 Sponsors in Equipment and time donations:**

Wild Cat Mobile Repair – donated the use of two big riding mowers  
Hayden Construction – course prep and clean up of junk pile – WOW!!!  
Greenhawk Winnipeg - \$500 cash and \$500 in kind merchandise

**Donated personal time and resources to help run our 2018 Horse Trial in July:**

Kellie Towers, Glenn Sinclair, Geraldine Sweet, Jan & Dennis Stephens:

Kind regards,

MHT board