

Manitoba Horse Trials

Vice President's Year-End Report

Year: 2025

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As Vice President of Manitoba Horse Trials, I am proud to reflect on a year filled with growth, camaraderie, and equestrian excellence. 2025 brought new challenges and opportunities, and our club rose to meet them with enthusiasm and dedication.

Highlights of the Year

Our outreach efforts and welcoming culture have made a real impact. We have seen new members and new faces at our clinics and shows making the season a wonderful success.

- Events & Activities:
- Hosted 2 successful riding clinics.
- The Selena O'Hanlon-Fox clinic June 21, 22 was a sold out success.
- We saw new to the sport horses and riders join us at the Intro to eventing clinic June 29th. Local coach Karla Iverson joined us for a fun filled day.

Our show season looked a little different from previous years with a return to the Manitoba Horse Council Show Facility. Starting off with offering stabling and open schooling the Friday before the derby opened on Saturday . The hospitality continued with access to a hot meal in the canteen. There was a very positive feedback to this format.

- May 24th&25th the Rein or Shine Derby started off our show season.
- July 18th, 19th, 20th the Summer Strides Derby continued the fun.
- August 2nd&3rd Horse returned to Willville for the first ICE (I Can Event) competition held in Manitoba.
- September 20th&21st the Fall Breeze Derby ran in a warm fall rain.
- October 19th the Boo In The Park fun show brought costumes and fun horseback games to the cross country course in Birds Hill Park.

Improvements & Initiatives

- Facility Enhancements: New corner wedge jumps were purchased to advance the cross country course.
- Beautiful new stadium jumps were introduced.

- A Derby style combination stadium and cross country phase was introduced at the Willville show. The phase was again offered at the Boo In The Park fun show. There was positive feedback for the combination style Derby phase.
- With the addition of a larger social media committee, MHT's online social media and communication presence has been receiving positive feedback.

Goals for Next Year

Looking ahead to 2026, we aim to:

- Expand our calendar with more diverse events, including the return to EC sanctioned events and ICE competition.
- Increase community outreach and visibility
- Continue improving our facilities and member experience
- Propose a return of the snowbound clinics. These clinics would be geared towards understanding the legal equipment and rules of running a show.

Closing Remarks

I want to thank our dedicated board, volunteers, and every member who contributed to making this year a success. Your passion for horses and commitment to our club's mission are what make Manitoba Horse Trials such a special community.

Here's to another year of riding, learning, and growing—together.

For The Love Of Eventing!

With warm regards

Judy Klassen

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