

Manitoba Horse Trials Spring 2006 Newsletter ©

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WELCOME TO SPRING!

Welcome to another authentic, slushy Manitoba spring! We thought we could escape it – but after a balmy winter it doesn't seem so. Once again, we will wade through the wet of spring conditioning with glee so we can show up fit and dry to the first event in May! There's lots of exciting events coming up for Manitoba Horse Trials. Read on to catch up on the latest!

AWARDS BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Annual MHT Awards Banquet held January 21st was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who came dressed in theme for the good company, the great food, and the spectacular awards ceremony! A big thanks to those who supported the silent auction – we expect to see your “bling” prizes during the show season! Watch the MHT site for a powerpoint of the 2005 eventing season as well as a photo recap of the awards banquet.

SNOWBOUND ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT SERIES

A “Snowbound” Informational Series has been planned for all eventing enthusiasts, and will be hosted by MHT on Sunday, March 19 at the Twin Barrel Lodge in Oakbank. All are welcome and the event will feature exciting speakers such as an FEI Veterinarian and World Equestrian Games Rider. This is also an excellent opportunity to find out what's new in eventing rule changes, equipment, and conditioning for this year, as well as take advantage of meeting almost ALL of Manitoba's eventing coaches! Come and Get Motivated for the 2006 Season

Registration is ONLY \$10.00

Lunch is included with pre-registration. RSVP to Danae Martin (204) 222-8592 or Lindy Norris (204) 955-2223

Sunday, March 19th

Twin Barrel Lodge in Oakbank, Manitoba

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

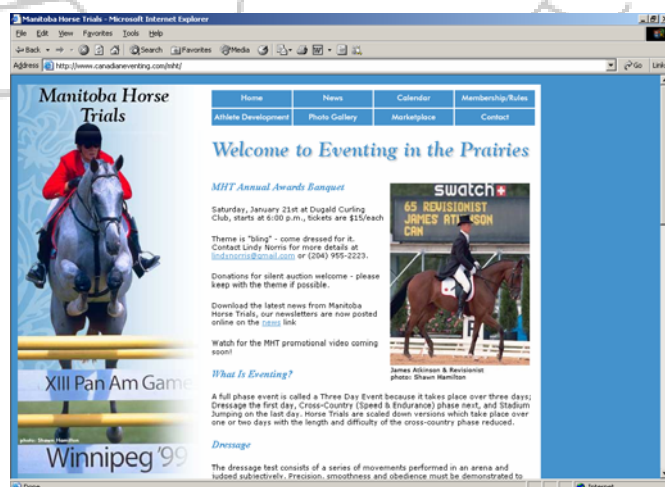
MHT MARKETPLACE

Got something to sell? Want something to buy? List in the MHT Classifieds – in the newsletter AND web site – and you can take advantage in reaching a targeted equestrian and eventing audience! Classifieds are only \$20, contact Lindy Norris.

TECH-TO-TROT SAVVY

2006 competition info, membership forms, and several other updates have been made to the MHT site. Take advantage of this useful resource to find out what's going on in your eventing community! The site features a photo gallery, news section, classifieds, calendar, rules, athlete development section, and much more. Feedback is appreciated, please browse and revisit the site to keep up with the latest MHT news and business.

www.canadianeventing.com/mht



Another exciting MHT technological advance to watch out for: The Manitoba Horse Trials **PROMO VIDEO!** The video, originally created by Horse Trials Quebec and approximately six minutes in length, speaks highly to the sport of eventing and explains the conditioning, technicalities, dedication, and levels of competition that eventing claims. We are hoping to entice future (and perhaps some past?) eventers to join MHT and unite with the excitement of beautiful prairie courses, the dynamic and friendly atmosphere during competitions, and the thrill of eventing, to make this our biggest year for members yet!

"I've often said there's nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse"
- Ronald Reagan

RECAP OF THE 2005 YEAR END HIGH POINTS

	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse</u>
<u>Preliminary</u>		
High-Point	Dave Barritt	Prince
(Tie)	Lindy Norris	Top Notch
Reserve	Dana Young	Hero's Krusade
<u>Training</u>		
High-Point	Petra Deane	Mackenzie
Reserve	Danae Martin	Sam
<u>Pre-training</u>		
High-Point	Danae Martin	Alaro
Reserve	Clare Robinson	Hollis
<u>Pre-training 80</u>		
High-Point	Kerry Moore	Moonshine
Reserve	Kerry Moore	Fox

BRIEF LISTING OF 2006 EVENT DATES

The final dates are set for the 2006 Manitoba events in the Canadian Eventing omnibus. A detailed one page sheet of event information and contacts follows the newsletter – print it and keep it on your fridge! Following are the event names and dates:

May 6 - Spring Fling Event, Birds Hill Park
CLOSING DATE IS APRIL 29

June 17-18 - Willville Summer Event, Souris
July 1-3 - Bird's Hill Summer Event, Birds Hill Park
Sept. 9 - Fall Fest Event, Birds Hill Park
Sept. 30 - Willville Fall Event, Souris
Aug. 20 - Mordha Horse Trials

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June 17-18: Briar Fox Farm Horse Trials, Augusta, Kansas
www.thehorsefarm.com

July 7-9: Maui Jim Horse Trials, Wayne, Illinois
www.mauijimhorsetrials.org

July 21-23: Event at Rebecca Farms, Kalispell, Montana
www.eventatrfarm.com

Aug. 5-6: Silverwood Farm Horse Trials, Camplake, Wisconsin
www.silverwoodfarm.net

Sept. 15-17: Otter Creek Horse Trials, Wheeler, Wisconsin
www.ottercreekfarm.com

Oct. 21-22: Hill n' Hound Horse Trials, Kane, Illinois
www.hillnhound.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION on these or other U.S. events, visit www.useventing.com

DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THERE?
Check out www.mapquest.ca to find out!

JUST FOR LAUGHS & NICKERS...

Get ready for this – Strange Horse Laws from the U.S.!

The horse is New Jersey's state animal. It's illegal in Marion, South Carolina, to tickle a female under her chin with a feather duster to get her attention while she's riding a horse. In New York City, it is illegal to open or close an umbrella in the presence of a horse. It is illegal to fish from horseback in Washington D.C, Colorado, and Utah. Tennessee prohibits riders from lassoing fish. A British law states that an Englishman must not sell a horse to a Scotsman. Horses are required to wear hats in hot weather in Rasario, Argentina. A fine of \$25 can be levied for flirting. This old law specifically prohibits men from turning around on any city street and looking "at a woman in that way." A second conviction for a crime of this magnitude calls for the violating male to be forced to wear a "pair of horse-blinders" wherever and whenever he goes outside for a stroll. In Guerne, Illinois, it is illegal for women weighing more than 200 pounds to ride horses in shorts. In Kentucky, it is illegal for a woman to appear in a bathing suit on a highway unless she is escorted by at least two police officers; armed with a club; or lighter than 90 pounds or heavier than 200 pounds. The ordinance also specifically exempts female horses from such restrictions. In London, England, law required taxi drivers to carry a bale of hay on top of their caps to feed their horses. The law was in force until 1976. In Arizona, it is illegal for cowboys to walk through a hotel lobby wearing their spurs. In Raton, New Mexico, it is illegal for a woman to ride horseback down a public street with a kimono on.

If you have a funny story to add, send it to the editor and we will print it in the next newsletter!

MHT 2006 MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships should be sent in ASAP –keep in mind you MUST be a member of Manitoba Horse Council (MHC) in order to be a member of MHT. Filling out your membership form is easier than ever! Visit the MHT web site to find the form at:

www.canadianeventing.com/mht/membership.htm

Download the form, print it, fill it out, write a cheque, mail to:

Manitoba Horse Trials
c/o Nancy Norris, Treasurer
Box 17 Grp #23 RR#2
Dugald, MB R0E 0K0

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

All members are expected to volunteer some time towards event preparation. It is very difficult to prepare the cross-country courses with just a small handful of people before each event – especially right before our first event! If you can't make it please send someone in your place! The volunteer co-ordinator will be contacting everyone in the coming month.

This concludes the Spring 2006 edition of the MHT Newsletter.
See you all at the SNOWBOUND CLINIC MARCH 19th!

MANITOBA HORSE TRIALS

2006 UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6** MHT Spring Fling Event, Birds Hill Park, Manitoba
Show secretary: Danae Martin, Box 186 Oakbank, MB, R0E 1J0
Ph: (204) 222-8592, Fax: (204) 222-8593, danaestephens@hotmail.com
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: APRIL 29
- June 17-18** Willville Summer Event, Souris, Manitoba
Show secretary: Val Crowe, Box 127, Baldur, MB, R0K 0B0
Ph: (204) 535-2368, Fax: (204) 535-2289, pvcrowe@mts.net
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: JUNE 10
- July 1-3** MHT Bird's Hill Summer Event, Birds Hill Park, Manitoba
Show secretary: Carly Norris, Box 17, Grp 23, RR#2 Dugald, MB, R0E 0K0
Ph: (204) 444-3363, evanorrisc@hotmail.com
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: JUNE 24
- Sept. 9** MHT Fall Fest Event, Birds Hill Park, Manitoba
Show secretary: Helen Holgate, Box 334, Teulon, MB
Ph: (204) 886-2047, hfholgate@hydro.mb.ca
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: SEPTEMBER 2
- Sept. 30** Willville Fall Event, Souris, Manitoba
Show secretary: Val Crowe, Box 127, Baldur, MB, R0K 0B0
Ph: (204) 535-2368, Fax: (204) 535-2289, pvcrowe@mts.net
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: SEPTEMBER 23
- Aug. 20** Mordha Horse Trials, Tyndall, Manitoba
Show secretary: Bev Moore, Box 333, Tyndall, MB, R0E 2B0
Ph: (204) 268-3103, mordha@mts.net
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: AUGUST 15

More information on the Manitoba events can be found at www.canadianeventing.com/mht

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