

Horse Trials PEI Newsletter - Spring 2002

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New Directors For HTPEI

Many thanks to Julie, Anna, Jennifer, and Ursula who were elected as new directors for HTPEI at the AGM. Also we are very pleased that Sara MacPhail has decided to remain involved for another year. It is quite helpful to have the input of juniors on the board to plan the upcoming season.

Combined Test On For May 25

With the success of the combined test introduced last year, HTPEI are joining forces with PEI CADORA to make it happen again. It will run on the same format as last year, at Venture Stables in Freetown. This is a great opportunity to try another level without having to do the cross-country phase, or even to get the feel of a horse trial. Either way, it is a great time and place to start the season for dressage, eventing, pony club and hunters/jumpers. Contact the show secretary is Theresa Mellish, 838-4032.

HTPEI Year End Award Calculations, 2002

Division Champions, as well as High Point Junior and Senior for the 2002 season will be as follows:

Eligible riders must be members of HTPEI. Points will be awarded to horse/rider combinations. Points obtained at each of the Strathgartney Horse Trials will be awarded as follows:

- 2 to 10 entries: 1st (6 points), 2nd (4 points), 3rd (2 points), 4th (2 points), 5th (1 point).
- 11 to 15 entries: 1st (8 points), 2nd (6 points), 3rd (5 points), 4th (4 points), 5th (3 points), 6th (2 points), 7th (1 point).

- over 15 entries: 1st (10 points), 2nd (8 points), 3rd (7 points), 4th (6 points), 5th (5 points), 6th (4 points), 7th (3 points), 8th (2 points), 9th (1 point).

Horse/rider combinations will receive 1 bonus point for each out-of-province Horse Trial attended. It is the responsibility of the rider to notify the score keeper (Ian Dohoo) of any off-Island Horse Trial attended. In keeping with CEF regulations, points earned at Regional Eventing Championships will be included in the year end calculations. Points for the championship will be awarded as described above.

Prizes For 2002 Horse Trials

Thanks to all of our sponsors for their continued support. We hope to offer \$100 prize money to each division again this year, and cash or donated items as specialty prizes. There are coolers for Best Score Junior at both horse trials, and we are still looking for sponsors for Best Score Senior. Again, we will have prizes for best conditioned horse or pony, most senior and most junior riders, an award for the competitor traveling the furthest distance, Best Score Pony Club Member and Good Sport Award. The volunteer draw will take place at the September Horse Trial and the prize again for the lucky hard worker will be a one hour massage with Laura Dear at Atlantic Therapeutic Massage; so don't forget to sign the volunteer list every time you come out to help!

There is a change this year for the Best Score Junior and Senior; only S, PT, T will be included in the calculations. It was discussed and voted on at the last Directors meeting to eliminate Entry Level from the scoring. Typically, Best Score prizes always go to Entry Level riders; however, they are not scored nor challenged as in the other divisions. Entry level is offered only in PEI, and its purpose here is to provide a place for competitors to get their feet wet.

2002 Membership in HTPEI

If you have not yet joined HTPEI this year and wish to do so, please contact Lana Wright (626-3095; lwright@deltaware.com). Applications may be mailed to: P.O. Box 1541, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7N3. It is important to note that we submit insurance money to the Island Horse Council in mid-April and you will not be able to purchase IHC insurance through HTPEI after that time.

Rule Change For 2003

It is early to think of a rule change for next year but this one is very important. On January 1, 2003, ASTM/SEI-approved helmets will be compulsory for juniors while mounted anywhere on the grounds of any Equine Canada-sanctioned competition. This rule is endorsed by Jump Canada and the Canadian Equestrian Council at the recent Equine Canada Convention in Regina. Research has shown that in the event of a fall, an ASTM/SEI helmet "decelerates the brain inside the skull, which can minimize concussion and trauma damage." All riders are encouraged to wear these helmets, not just juniors, to make it safer for everyone. This rule does not take into effect until January 1, 2003, however, if you are thinking of getting a new helmet this year, buy one that bears the seal of the North American ASTM/SEI or the British BSI. Remember, anytime

you fall off and your head/ helmet hits the ground, the integrity of the helmet may be compromised and it should be replaced.

Cross Country Clinics

We will be having Alex Beaton again this year for a cross country jumping clinic and also a cross country jump construction clinic (that shouldn't be as tough as last year!) with Michael Gallagher. There will be lots of changes at Strathgartney this year and I am sure we are all looking forward to participating in clinics and Horse Trials this year. Contacts for the clinics are noted in the schedule of events.

TD and Jump Construction Clinic

There will be an EC level 1 and 2 technical delegate and jump construction clinic on PEI June 22 and 23. This is a wonderful opportunity for riders, coaches or volunteers to learn more about the sport. The first day is theory and an evaluation of the course at Strathgartney and the second day is observing how the Horse Trial is run on the second day. Those interested in attending can contact Susan Dohoo, dohoo@islandtelecom.com, you do not have to be working toward TD status to attend, just be interested in the sport.

Maritime Eventing Schedule 2002

May 18 Cross Country Jump Construction Clinic with Michael Gallagher, Strathgartney Equestrian Park, Bonshaw, PE. Contact Ian Dohoo dohoo@islandtelecom.com

May 25 Combined Test/Dressage Schooling Show, Venture Stables, Freetown, PE. Contact Linda MacPhail 902-566-3814

June 8 (and 9 if numbers warrant) Cross country Jumping Clinic with Alex Beaton, Strathgartney Horse Park, Bonshaw PE, Contact Laura Dear wgoodwin@islandtelecom.com or Julie Christie at jchristie@upei.ca

June 22 Strathgartney Summer Horse Trials, Strathgartney Equestrian Park, Bonshaw, PE Contact Jennifer Brown jennifer@isn.net entry, starter, pretraining, training/preliminary.

July 7 Evergreen Horse Trials, Hampton, NB

July 21 Central Nova Horse Trials, Truro, NS

July 28, Foshay Farm Horse Trials, Lower Jemseg, NB

August 18 Redbank Farm Horse Trials, Burlington, NS

September 1 Applewood Horse Trials, NS

September 8 Hobby Horse, Horse Trials, Kentville, NS

September 14 Strathgartney Autumn Horse Trials, Strathgartney Equestrian Park, Bonshaw, PE,
contact Jennifer Brown jennifer@isn.net

Maritime Cross Country Clinics

June 15 & 16 Rob Stevenson (possibly in conjunction with Eric Ferrier or Lorraine LaFramboise) Foshay Farm, Jemseg, NB
CCI* Pilot Project Preparation Clinic- open to all riders but preference is given to Training and Preliminary rider/horse

July 3 Andy Wadowski, Level Event coach
Cross-country clinic at Central Nova, Salmon River (Truro), NS
Starter to Training Levels

July 31 Andy Wadowski, Level Event coach
Cross-country clinic at Red Bank Farm, Ctre Burlington, NS
Starter to Preliminary

August 7 Alexandra Beaton, Level eventing coach
Cross-country clinic at Applewood Farm, Wolfville, NS
Starter to Preliminary

August 10 & 11 Rob Stevenson, Level Event coach, Olympic Rider
Site, TBA, follow-up to June CCI* Pilot Prep Clinic
Preference to Training and Preliminary Riders

August 14 Alexandra Beaton Level I Event coach
Cross Country clinic at Hobby Horse Farm, Coldbrook, NS
Starter to Preliminary