



The Mane Bit

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I hope everyone who participated in the clinic on September 18th found it of help for the show on Sunday, September 28th. On page two you can review the information presented by Sarah Mark. (This is the same information that was mailed to clinic attendees)

As far as the show goes, what a great time we all had ... I really enjoyed seeing the enthusiastic participation of all the riders from beginner to more advanced. Challenges were presented and success was evident. Congratulations to everyone who participated and special congratulations to everyone who went home with a ribbon.

There is a list of the September show's results on pages three and four.

The owners of **Tack Town** in Baldwin are helping to sponsor our In House Schooling Series this year and have agreed to provide the winner of each division with a **gift certificate for \$150.00**. The points will be awarded as listed below.

Please note the following rules regarding the accumulation of points:

- Points can be transferred from division to division in the following circumstances only:
 1. Points gained in Short Stirrup can be taken to any other division
 2. Points gained in Novice can be taken to Hack or Junior
 3. Points in Hack can be take to Novice or Junior
 4. Points in Junior cannot be transferred.

A good rider can hear her horse speak, but a great rider can hear her horse whisper.

HOW POINTS ARE AWARDED

Place	6 entries (or more)	5 entries	4 entries	3 entries	2 entries
1st	10	7	5	4	3
2nd	7	5	3	2	1
3rd	5	3	2	1	
4th	3	2	1		
5th	2	1			
6th	1				

INFORMATION FROM SARAH MARK'S CLINIC

Sarah started out by telling us how to ride in the different classes and what the judge might be looking at when we rode. Here are some reminders for you before the show on the twenty-eighth.

A correct position on a horse is not just about appearance. As riding is a classical discipline, we know that the masters developed techniques based upon what is a most effective way for the rider and horse to communicate. This explains why Sarah stressed these points regarding *equitation*.

- The rider should sit tall, with a lifted rib cage, shoulders together and chest out.
- The leg should not slide forward or back but is balanced under your seat.
- Heels must be down.
- Hands must be closed on the reins with straight, supple (flexible) wrists.
- Reins must be short enough to assist the horse to go in a frame but not so short as to pull on the horse's mouth.
- **All of the above points MUST be accomplished without stiffness in the rider.**

In a *pleasure class*, anyone observing your horse (like the judge) will feel that they would like to ride your horse because you and your horse look like such a good, comfortable and relaxed pair having some fun. A horse pulling on the reins doesn't look like a pleasure; a horse with a hollow back and high head doesn't look like a pleasure. Your horse, of course, won't be like that, yours will have a smooth and easy gait while you ride your horse with a long rein (while

keeping contact). Your horse will have a low head. Sounds like fun doesn't it? 😊

In *equitation over fences*, the rider's skills are highlighted. You might be asked to jump a fence from a trot or halt in a straight line after the fence. (Yup, you have to do it while on your horse.) It is your ability to control your horse that is being watched by the judge. Other ways the judge might want to see you control your horse is by jumping on a broken line or on a roll back. (A rollback is a sharper turn to face a second fence.) All the time, you will look smooth, confident, and most importantly correct. No problem, right?

In the class **hack over fences** the horse's way of going is judged on the flat and over a single fence. Establish your pace in the corner to help you and your horse approach the fence at a consistent rhythm. After the fence you will make a smooth transition to halt on a straight line keeping your eyes up and forward.

Even if you aren't competing in the show on Sunday, come and take a look. Try and spot what the judge might want. Have any questions? Ask! Most importantly, at the show...

HAVE FUN!

80% of winning is being there!

RESULTS OF THE SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2003

Division	Class	Rider	Horse	Place	Points
Short Stirrup	Walk/Trot	Megan Allison	Omby Coke Classic	1st	10
		Sam Enright	Petite Bijou	2nd	7
		Nick Clulow	Legacy's Paradox	3rd	5
		Taylor Cameron	Danaman	4th	3
		Nicole Henriques	Pete	5th	2
		Cassandra Eves	Jake	6th	1
	Walk/Trot Equitation	Nicole Henriques	Pete	1st	10
		Nick Clulow	Legacy's Paradox	2nd	7
		Megan Allison	Heather	3rd	5
		Taylor Cameron	Danaman	4th	3
		Cassandra Eves	Jake	5th	2
		Madison Bosman	Omby Coke Classic	6th	1
	Walk/Trot/Canter	Megan Allison	Omby Coke Classic	1st	10
		Cassandra Eves	Honourable Gesture	2nd	7
		Megan Perrier	Wapiti	3rd	5
		Nicole Henriques	Jake	4th	3
Kenzie Johnston		Apple Jack	5th	2	
Tara Taglioni		Heather	6th	1	
Hunter Hack (cross rail)	Megan Perrier	Wapiti	1st	5	
	Nicole Henriques	Jake	2nd	3	
	Cassandra Eves	Honourable Gesture	3rd	2	
	Tara Taglioni	Heather	4th	1	
Novice	Equitation	Ainsley Miller	Heather	1st	5
		Leanne Allicock	Legacy's Paradox	2nd	3
		Amanda Maitland	Omby Coke Classic	3rd	2
		Geoffrey Bishop	Jake	4th	1
	Pleasure	Amanda Maitland	Omby Coke Classic	1st	5
		Ainsley Miller	Heather	2nd	3
		Leanne Allicock	Legacy's Paradox	3rd	2
		Geoffrey Bishop	Jake	4th	1
	Hunter Hack	Amanda Maitland	Omby Coke Classic	1st	5
		Ainsley Miller	Heather	2nd	3
		Leanne Allicock	Legacy's Paradox	3rd	2
		Geoffrey Bishop	Jake	4th	1
	Over Fences	Geoffrey Bishop	Jake	1st	5
		Amanda Maitland	Omby Coke Classic	2nd	3
		Ainsley Miller	Heather	3rd	2
		Leanne Allicock	Legacy's Paradox	4th	1
Junior	Equitation	Stephanie Wagg	Wapiti	1st	4
		Samantha Pedersen	Will He Behave	2nd	2
		Kylie Frame	Pete	3rd	1
	Over Fences (2'3")	Stephanie Wagg	Wapiti	1st	3
		Kylie Frame	Pete	2nd	1
	Over Fences (2'3")	Kylie Frame	Pete	1st	4
		Stephanie Wagg	Wapiti	2nd	2
		Samantha Pedersen	Will He Behave	3rd	1
	Equitation Over Fences	Samantha Pedersen	Will He Behave	1st	4
		Stephanie Wagg	Wapiti	2nd	2
Kylie Frame		Pete	3rd	1	

Division	Class	Rider	Horse	Place	Points
Hack	Equitation	Erin Follett	Limited Edition	1st	10
		Maggie Gooding	Apple Jack	2nd	7
		Erica Clayton	Petite Bijou	3rd	5
		Elyse Marchand	Omby Coke Classic	4th	3
		Bridgette Hodgson	Honourable Gesture	5th	2
		Megan Nesland	Heather	6th	1
	Pleasure	Erin Follett	Limited Edition	1st	10
		Maggie Gooding	Apple Jack	2nd	7
		Rebecca Schweinberger	Wapiti	3rd	5
		Elyse Marchand	Omby Coke Classic	4th	3
		Erica Clayton	Petite Bijou	5th	2
		Bridgette Hodgson	Honourable Gesture	6th	1
	Hunter Under Saddle	Megan Nesland	Heather	1st	10
		Erin Follett	Limited Edition	2nd	7
		Maggie Gooding	Apple Jack	3rd	5
		Elyse Marchand	Omby Coke Classic	4th	3
		Thea Bourne	Legacy's Paradox	5th	2
		Rebecca Schweinberger	Wapiti	6th	1
	Hunter Hack (1 fence 2'3")	Erin Follett	Limited Edition	1st	10
		Maggie Gooding	Apple Jack	2nd	7
		Bridgette Hodgson	Honourable Gesture	3rd	5
		Megan Nesland	Heather	4th	3
		Thea Bourne	Legacy's Paradox	5th	2
		Erica Clayton	Petite Bijou	6th	1

WORRIED ABOUT COLD WEATHER RIDING?



Worry no more! It is possible to keep warm in the winter if you are suitably dressed. Just check out the Harrogate Hills web site (www.harrogatehills.com), go to Rider's Corner, scroll down to Helpful Tips and click on Dressing for winter. *Note to parents: You may find some ideas for useful Christmas presents here too!*

The longest ever recorded mane was measured at 5.5 m long, that's 18 ft.

Tack Town have some great winter riding pants. They are zippered down the outer leg from waist to ankle, have a fleece lining with a nylon outer shell and, best of all, a full leather seat! They come in sizes XS (approx. 24-26 inch waist) to XL (approx. 34-36 inch waist). They also have plenty of winter boots, gloves and horse blankets in stock.