

UNH Fall Horse Trials

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This year's fall *Horse Trials* was held over the weekend of October 5th and 6th. Over 140 competitors converged on Durham, NH to take part in the *UNH Horse Trials*. The *Horse Trials* is held twice a year during the first week of October and May. This is the University's 32nd year hosting this event. UNH offers Novice, Training and Preliminary Levels of competition.

The *UNH Horse Trials* is run and managed by UNH students enrolled in the University's Horsemanship Program under the direction of Equine Program Director Janet Briggs. Over 80 students are responsible for working the day of the event as scorers, Cross Country fence judges, timers and warm-up stewards. Students are also required to work 8 hours prior to the event preparing the grounds by painting fences, raking and setting up the Dressage rings and Stadium Jumping course.

The *Horse Trials* is a component of the sport of Eventing. While a *Horse Trials* has 3 events, and is held over a 2 day period, Eventing (also known as a 3-day Event) is held over a 3 day period and includes 6 events, Dressage, Cross Country, Stadium Jumping and in addition, Steeplechase and 2 phases of Roads and Tracks. At the highest levels, Eventing is part of the Summer Olympic Games.

The sport of Eventing has a rich history. It was originated as a test by which Cavalry horses were evaluated. Officers competed on the mounts that carried them over the battlefield and was a way for the officers to compete against one another. Each phase of a *Horse Trials* is designed to show off a horse's skill in that particular event. Dressage shows off the horse's submission to the rider and acceptance of the aids. Cross Country jumping tests the horse's boldness and endurance and Stadium Jumping further tests the horse's endurance as well as his adjustability and carefulness over fences. A complete event horse excels at all 3 events.

UNH has taken strides to increase the difficulty of their Cross Country course by hiring internationally renowned course designer Tremaine Cooper to create some new jumps and make the course more technically difficult. These changes made for some very exciting competition. Improvements occurred by adding more multiple element obstacles, which include a Preliminary level Oxer into the water then, a bank and ramp. A corner jump has also been added to the course as well as a Trakehner and a coop to drop combination.

The UNH Equine Program would like to extend their congratulations to the winners on this year's Fall *Horse Trials*. The UNH Horsemen's Club would also like to congratulate Kraig Kulikowski who was the winner of the UNH Horsemen's Club first fundraiser "Horse Pie Bingo" which raised \$130 for club activities. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Horse Trials and we look forward to seeing you again in the spring.

Results

2002 UNH Fall Horse Trials

Open Preliminary

- 1st Lynn Coates-Holmes/ Paris Tonight (Wally)
- 2nd Nancy Guyotte/ Patrick Linsley
- 3rd Jim Wolf/ Madam Mop

Preliminary A

- 1st Jocelyn Hawe/ Going Going Gone
- 2nd James Foley/ Mactaggart
- 3rd Laurie Sciffer/ Mercedes
- 4th Laura Wilhelm/ A Horse Called Music
- 5th Erin Renfroe/ Kiss me Kate

Preliminary B

- 1st Nancy S. Goyotte/ Conor Linsley
- 2nd Jocelyn Hawe/ Ja Fox
- 3rd Andrea L. Eaton/ Norma Jean
- 4th Suzi Gornall/ Ellie
- 5th Steven Westland/ Titan

Open Training A

- 1st Phyllis Hardgrove/ Outrageous
- 2nd Kat Cook/ Immoral Truth
- 3rd Marina Burliss/ Closer To Fine
- 4th Ariel Taylor/ Smitters
- 5th Jane Hamlin/ Dually

Open Training B

- 1st Alison Eastman/ Boston's Flying Colors
- 2nd Kat Cook/ Woodland Cloudy Spots
- 3rd Audrey Bean/ Colin Linsley
- 4th Alana Mahoney/ Change Of Time
- 5th Traudi Miller-Moss/ Country Point

Training A

- 1st Sally Davis/ Add One Slew
- 2nd Diane Thompson/ Biba
- 3rd Sarah Crokre-Ayer/Intellect
- 4th Elsbeth Lowell/ Shappas Magic Music
- 5th Mike Robbins/ Brisco Bay

Training B

- 1st Kay Oppenheimer/ Mint Julep
- 2nd Millie Riley/ Snowford Barna B
- 3rd Ann Wicander/ Wow
- 4th Brad Rohdenburg/ Checkmate
- 5th Emily Pugach/ Mama's Boy

Open Novice

- 1st Lynn Coates-Holmes/ PCF Irish Midnight
- 2nd Melinda Shump/ Out Of Nowhere
- 3rd Jane Hamlin/ Black Brook's Rose
- 4th Anne Dearborn/ PCF Ballingowan Ryder
- 5th Patricia Novak/ Prince Machiavelli

Novice A

- 1st Liza Teich/ Alabaster
- 2nd Charlotte Collis/ Shanty Bay
- 3rd Dr. Marjorie Chema/ Braveheart Go Bragh
- 4th Stella Pence/ Elli
- 5th Judy Williams/ Cameron, LTD

Novice B

- 1st Nancy Grout/ Katie, Bar The Door
- 2nd Asheley Ireland/ Harbour Lee
- 3rd Mary Ann Davis/ Moses
- 4th Mary McEachern/ Minuette
- 5th Courtney Haynes/ Square One

Novice C

- 1st Bethany Whalon/ Nevis
- 2nd Keaghan Baker/ Folklore Good Vibrations
- 3rd Caroline Teich/ Duncan
- 4th Alexander Norregaard/ Altesse
- 5th Lauren LePage/ Sudden Eclipse