

## Fall 2006

### Report: Morgan Grand National & World Championships



FALL has arrived along with the close of the 2006 show season! Taylor River's last stop on the show map was the Morgan Grand National's in Oklahoma City. Our talented horses matched with their determined riders brought home the roses!! The reining World Champion in Saddleseat Equitation went back and did it again. The very composed **Brook Gove** brought home the reserve title this year with the trusty Hollybrook Romeo, as well as being named the

UPHA Senior Challenge Cup winner aboard the handsome Mantic Top Gun by a unanimous vote of the judges. **Kate Merrill** made her mark in OKC. Kate was named Grand National Champion for the 12 year old division, quite an achievement with this being Kate's first year in the very competitive junior exhibitor division with KHF Dante de Lion. Kate and "Magoo" didn't stop there, these outstanding competitors also brought home the reserve title for the Junior Equitation class as well as placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a huge field of 20 for the pleasure riders.



The phenomenal **Stevie Meder** matched with Manchester in Demand just can't be stopped! The perfectly matched duo topped an amazing group of riders, and lots of them, bringing home the World title for the Hunt Seat Senior Equitation and the reserve title for senior Hunter Pleasure division. These titles followed a superb week of winning qualifiers. The exquisite Andrea's Radiance was guided by **Sara Heffernan** to capture the reserve world title for the Amateur Ladies Hunter pleasure division. "Vixen" was a star all week winning the qualifier for the Amateur Mares and being crowned the reserve World Champion for this great division. A job well done! Congratulations are also due to our World Class trainers, **Richard Boulé** and **Sarah Gove**. A job well done is to say the least!

### Report: Deerfield Fair

You might have thought things were quiet at home but it was otherwise! Our instructors managed to pull off having another team of riders competing at the great Deerfield Fair Horseshow! This was a first for some of our competitors, you'd never know it. **Devyn McCarron** started off a long weekend of competition showing the famous C Vale Blaze of Glory in the 9-10 year old Walk and Trot division. Devyn also was a superstar in the 9-10 year old Equitation division bringing home fantastic ribbons! The very poised **Melanie Guerin** rode the adorable Arwillowbrook Cody through some very exciting victory passes!! Mels brought home the championship ribbon for the Hunt Seat Equitation riders out of a talented field of 25. This duo returned later in the afternoon and brought the packed stands to their feet with an amazing reserve victory pass for the Junior

Exhibitor hack riders. The graceful **Nason Lee Bastarache** had a lot to celebrate. Nason left the NEHC medal with a second place ribbon and a standing ovation from her fans. She returned on Saturday morning to top a

field of 10 pleasure equitation riders and finished reserve for the championship. Take a moment to congratulate Nason on being named NEHC Saddleseat Pleasure Equitation Champion for year end as well as NHH&T year end Saddleseat Pleasure Equitation Champion. CONGRATS! **Alexis Essa** was the first to introduce “Johnny” to the fun-filled excitement of the fair, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the medal. The charming **Makayla Heintzelman** has graduated to the Walk and Trot division! She was a doll guiding the big “Glory” and what a fantastic job. Wish Makayla good luck as she heads off to UPHA tournaments to practice up for show season 2007! **Devynne Rivard** came back to her equitation championship with a vengeance, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a very tough class. Devynne did so with such style and confidence, again making her instructors so proud. **Jamie Walton**, having only ridden the Essex Lionheart a couple of times, elegantly finished reserve in the Senior Saddleseat Equitation division. The lovely **Stephanie Slater** rode through the storm, helping “Willy” along through the thunder and lighting. Despite the conditions, the two still brought home a great ribbon.

A special thank you to Colby Farms in Newburyport, MA for their generous donation that enabled us to have a fantastic display at the fair. THANKS!

Thanks to all who participated in our Fall Farm show! We hope you continue your path of success and participate in UPHA Winter Tournaments. If there's an interest, ask your instructor for further details!

Stay tuned next month for RRDC year end results and banquet date.



## **Report: Recent Show Horse Purchases**

EXCITING news from the Meder family: “Set to Dance,” also known as “Mulder” came home from Okalahoma City to be paired with Stevie Meder for the Junior Exhibitor Park Saddle division.

Congratulations go out to Stephanie Slater and family on their purchase of the elegant mare Better in Black to debut in the Junior Exhibitor Hunter Pleasure division.

Two new combinations have been put together in the past week: **The Lion King & Kate Merrill** and **Sarah Lane & KHF Dante de Lion**. Both will be serious contenders for Roses in 2007! Congratulations!

Keep an eye out and an ear listening as we are putting together some new dynamic duos!

\*\*\*\*\*I would to thank all of our families who contributed to our successes. We appreciate your support of our programs.

## **Taylor River Tadpoles: YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!!!**

**NEXT MEETING: December 2, 2006** at 9:30 AM here at the farm. Everyone is a member and welcome to join us for a due of \$3.00.

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Topics to include the planning of our **Grand Holiday Party** that will be held here at the farm on December 17, 2006. Details to follow shortly!!

## **LIGHTS.....CURTAINS.....MUSIC.....ACTION!!!!**

To celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the UPHA Chapter 14 Spring Premiers, Plans Are Underway To Feature World Class Show Horses From Many Different Breeds At One Of The Equine World's Most Popular Events.....

THE SYMPHONY OF HORSES  
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007

Please join us for an evening of elegance and excitement.

**For more information and/or tickets please see Sarah Gove.**

If anyone has anything to share with us in and out of the barn that you would like to be in the newsletter please forward to Kristin via e-mail!!!!

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