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- 2018 West Coast Junior Hunter Finals 3'6" Junior – 8th place Handy
- 2018 Reserve Champion Pin Oak 3'3" Junior Hunter
- 2018 Reserve Champion Show Jumping Classic – 3'3" Performance
- Numerous top placings across TX, CO, and CA



HIGH MOON CH/AD JUMPER

USEF: 5173805

- 2017 THJA Overall Jumper High Point Winner
- 2017 THJA Low Adult Jumper Champion
- 2017 Reserve Zone 7 Low Adult Jumper Champion
- 2018 Texas Shoot Out Reserve Champion Low Adult Jumper
- Countless other wins, championships and circuit championships!



VALENTINE JUNIOR HUNTER

USEF: 5392702

- 2018 HOTY Zone 7 3'3" Small Junior (Younger)
- 2018 THJA 3'3" Small Junior Champion
- 2018 National WCHR Champion 3'3" Small Junior
- Class Winner at numerous prestigious competitions, including:
 - 2018 Pennsylvania National Horse Show
 - 2018 Capital Challenge
 - 2018 West Coast Junior Hunter Finals



SUPREME 6 A/O OR JUNIOR HUNTER

USEF: 5324562

- 2017 HOTY Zone 7 3'3" Performance Hunter
- 2017 USHJA National Hunter Derby Overall Prize Money Winner
- Numerous division and circuit championships including:
 - Reserve Champion 3'6" Performance Hunter @ Pin Oak 2018
 - GSEC Winter Festival Circuit Championship A/O 3'3" Hunter
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A letter from the president

Dear fellow THJA Members,

Happy New Year! Congratulations on a successful 2018 show year. I hope you are looking forward to 2019 with the same level of enthusiasm as I am right now.

In your hands is our first edition of THJA News. Those of you who have been around the show ring for awhile, remember thumbing through The In & Out looking for your photos or tracking your points. With THJA News, it is our hope that you will enjoy THJA News as much, if not more. Our goal is for this to be FOR you, our members. That said, if you have a story, a story idea, or some great show photos, contact me at suzanne@belcantofarms.com. I will personally curate the content for this publication.

THJA News will publish quarterly. I'm already working on our second issue. It will publish in time for Pin Oak.

Thank you ALL for loving your horses and our amazing sport!

I hope to see you in the show ring myself this year. Now that it's in print, I have to make it happen.

Warmly,
Suzanne Warmack

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- Champion Zone 7 Perf. Hunter 3'6"
- Res. Champion Zone 7 Jr. Hunter Lg 3'3" 15&U
- Res. Champion Zone 7 Green Hunter 3'6"
- Res. Champion Zone 7 Perf. Hunter 3'6"
- Top 5 Zone 7 Children's Hunter 14&U
- Top 5 Zone 7 Green Hunter 3'
- Top 10 Zone 7 Children's Hunter 15-17
- Champion THJA Jr. Hunter Lg 3'3"
- Champion THJA Mod. Children's Hunter
- Champion THJA Perf. Hunter 3'6"
- Res. Champion THJA Jr. Hunter Lg 3'3"
- Res. Champion THJA Green Hunter 3'3"
- Res. Champion THJA Green Hunter 3'6"
- Top 5 THJA Adult Am. 18-35
- Top 5 THJA Children's Hunter 14&U
- Top 5 THJA Children's Hunter 15-17
- Top 5 THJA Green Hunter 3'
- Top 5 THJA Perf. Hunter 3'3"
- Top 5 THJA Perf. Hunter 3'6"

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My year with Jack Sparrow

Sky Bandini-Gondron



Jack Sparrow started out as a \$700 dollar pony that we bought from someone who couldn't handle him. After a lot of hard work and lots of love, he became my million dollar pony. He took me to my first Pony Finals, which was a blast! I was so proud of Jack Sparrow and I had so much fun at Pony Finals. From the golf cart parade, to showing in the walnut arena, it was a lot of fun! I am very excited to receive the THJA and ZONE 7 ribbons! It took a village to get me where I am now. I especially thank my Mom, who's my trainer, for helping me accomplish my goals. I'm very proud of how far Jack Sparrow has come! I love him so much! I'm looking forward to Pony Finals next year.



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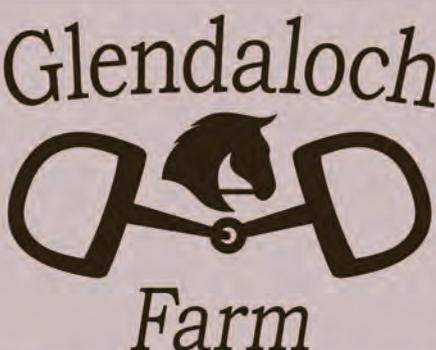


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- Fiesta Classic*
 MAY 8 - 12
- GREAT SOUTHWEST
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 SEPTEMBER 26 - 29
- Britannia Farm
Fall Classic
 OCTOBER 17 - 20
- Fall Finale*
 Autumn Classic
 NOVEMBER 6 - 10
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 NOVEMBER 13 - 17
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2018 Annual Award Winners

SMALL PONY HUNTER

Champion SUNBEAM, 5315807
– Ticket To Ride LLC
Reserve JACK SPARROW,
5419971 – Crista Bandini
3rd BLACK EYED PEA,
5124428 – Camille Stark
4th CROWN RIDGE DAY DREAM,
5195143 – Stephanie Paget Moritz
5th PARTY CRASHER, 4766380
– Ticket To Ride LLC
6th JUST DARLUN,
4971388 – Liliya Obaid

MEDIUM PONY HUNTER

Champion MORTON'S SASSY KAT,
5395876 – Colleen Brombach
Reserve ANISETTE, 5224967
– Tessa Downey
3rd PARIS, 5152590 – Lola Head
4th GOLDHILLS AS YOU LIKE
IT, 5421399 – Lola Head
5th HAPPILY EVER AFTER,
5004383 – Tessa Downey
6th KEEP IT COOL, 5267714
– Jennifer Wheeler-Winborne

LARGE PONY HUNTER

Champion CALECHE,
5225353 – Lola Head
Reserve SIMPLY MAX,
5449504 – Hampton Baker
3rd MADAGASCAR, 5368646
– Jennifer Wheeler-Winborne
4th EVERAFTER, 5391316
– Georgia Leb
5th TOUCH OF CLASS,
5441385 – Kate Stark
6th FAVOR, 5191112
– Gauri Prakash

GREEN PONY HUNTER

Champion SIMPLY MAX,
5449504 – Hampton Baker
Reserve JACK SPARROW,
5419971 – Crista Bandini
3rd RIGHT ON TARGET,
5417200 – Kickapoo Ponies
4th GOLDHILLS AS YOU LIKE
IT, 5421399 – Lola Head
5th TOUCH OF CLASS,
5441385 – Kate Stark
6th COOKIES AND CREAM
5395877 – Colleen Brombach

CHILDREN'S HUNTER PONY

Champion WHAT-A-BEAN,
4930033 – Sloane Wallace
Reserve RODEO DRIVE,
5066632 – Brinnley Tanner
3rd HANDSOME HONEY DO,
5235409 – Xia Tabanou
4th FUR ELISE, 5198750
– Hensley Humphries
5th FAVOR, 5191112
– Gauri Prakash
6th A KODAK MOMENT WH,
5303928 – Caroline Daskevich

JUNIOR HUNTER – 3'3" (16 HANDS & UNDER)

Champion VALENTINE, 5392702
– BottomLine Equestrian LLC
Reserve DROMMELS,
5359657 – Emma Flett
3rd DRAWN CONCLUSION,
5379567 – Alexander Grabill

JUNIOR HUNTER – 3'3" (OVER 16 HANDS)

Champion CHAPEL HILL,
5371699 – Ava Williams
Reserve MTM POKER FACE,
5399761 – Jillian Glubke
3rd IXION VAN HET NETEHOF,
355531 – Hensley Humphries
4th MTM MUFFIN,
5407145 – Ella Knight
5th RIVERDALE, 5469466
– Avery DeYoung
6th BLUE LABEL, 5238089
– Havilande Hendrix

JUNIOR HUNTER – 3'6" (16 HANDS & UNDER)

Champion CENTRAL PARK WEST,
5117803 – Jordan Cobb
Reserve VICEROY, 5220212
– Anna Robson

JUNIOR HUNTER – 3'6" (OVER 16 HANDS)

Champion BORENCIO,
5126689 – Miranda Seade
Reserve SYMBOLIC,
5354244 – Bella Kay
3rd GREETINGS, 5272025
– Haley Hammer
4th Q & A, 5354608
– Maddie Thorn
5th BULL RUN'S RUBICON,
5113588 – Avery Erickson
6th OTARD, 5304101 –
Chestnut Equestrian LLC

CHILDREN'S HUNTER (14 & UNDER)

Champion CAVALLI, 5009039
– Katie Snyder
Reserve OVERTURE, 5085325
– Lola Hutchison
3rd MTM BALL, 5390015
– Ashley Schneider
4th KSAR D'ELVAS, 4997288
– Madison Widmer
5th BIJOU SSH, 5094298
– Suzette Jolley
6th MTM MOVADO, 5450295
– Peyton Rathbun

CHILDREN'S HUNTER (15 – 17)

Champion LUXOR, 5475723
– Michael Binder
Reserve CZECH PLEASE,
5441005 – Zoe Schiefer
3rd SUBTIL, 5328385 –
Floyd Sport Horses LLC
4th CATERPILLAR, 5326350
– Autumn Nichols
5th LAND LADY, 5350549
– Caitlyn Gutierrez
6th GRID IRON, 5002440
– Nixon Chustz

HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER

Champion CARRIDA, 5300179
– DS Holdings, LLC
Reserve CLASSICO,
5208264 – Erica Moe

PERFORMANCE HUNTER – 3'6"

Champion BERLIN,
5314943 – MTM Farm
Reserve SUPREME 6, 5324562
– Margaret Lattimore
3rd CORAGGIO PF,
5176395 – Jill Barnett
4th FABLED, 5310183
– Amberlea Tribble
5th MYSTIQUE, 5223222
– Jamie L. Jarvis
6th CHAPEL HILL, 5371699
– Ava Williams

PERFORMANCE HUNTER – 3'3"

Champion VALENTINE, 5392702
– BottomLine Equestrian LLC
Reserve HOLLYWOOD PARK,
5315066 – Lynn Walsh
3rd MTM BALL, 5390015
– Ashley Schneider
4th CARAT, 5112065
– Sara Greenhaw
5th WHAT A WONDER,
5297465 – Olivia Woods
6th DEXTER BANKS,
5336666 – Beth Bommer

HIGH PERFORMANCE CONFORMATION HUNTER

Champion CARRIDA, 5300179
– DS Holdings, LLC
Reserve ASBURY PARK,
5200536 – Evie Mocarow

GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER – 3'6"

Champion MTM HERE'S 2 YOU,
5406358 – Candu Farm
Reserve DOWNTON, 5359567
– Katie Lambert-Boone
3rd THE DINNER GUEST, 5471765
– Olde Oaks Farm, Inc.

GREEN HUNTER – 3'9"

Champion SHAKIRA,
5424389 – Linda Law
Reserve STALLONE, 5382114
– North Shore Farm, LLC
3rd MTM DO RIGHT,
5264711 – Didi MacKenzie
4th NAMASTE, 5020745
– Sydney Arbogast

GREEN HUNTER – 3'6"

Champion REDDING RIDGE,
5390464 – Teri Ann Miller
Reserve MTM POKER FACE,
5399761 – Jillian Glubke
3rd FENWAY, 5469755
– Lori Mathews
4th SUNDAY MORNING,
5467606 – Kirby McCool
5th WOULD YOU MIND,
5397634 – Stacey Thompson
6th MTM MUFFIN,
5407145 – Ella Knight

GREEN HUNTER – 3'3"

Champion CAZADOR, 5456057
– Jamie L. Jarvis
Reserve ETIQUETTE, 5488108
– Valerie Kalderon
3rd FLEUR DE LIS, 5308810
– Miranda Jones
4th CARACALLA, 5399733
– Krystal Zufelt
5th ARGENTO, 5503414
– DDM Equestrian, LLC
6th LIKE ALWAYS,
5252775 – Jana Rodes

GREEN HUNTER – 3'0"

Champion RVF TITUS,
5477815 – Rio Vista Farm
Reserve LIGHTFUL, 5464199
– La Primera Hacienda, LP
3rd SINCERELY, 5479874
– Shadyside Farm
4th MTM DITTO, 5489606
– Valerie Kalderon
5th VAN MORRISON,
5495007 – Shadyside Farm
6th MTM OPENING BELL,
5477020 – Valerie Kalderon

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER – 3'6" (18 – 35)

Champion VDL OPPORTUNITY KNOX,
5360416 – North Shore Farm, LLC
Reserve PROMISE ME,
5073694 – Anna Binder
3rd SCREENSHOT,
5354313 – Jef Lauwers
4th SUTHERLAND, 5118693
– Peter Pletcher
5th STALLONE, 5382114 –
North Shore Farm, LLC
6th CELLINO, 4944121
– Julie Thompson

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER – 3'6" (36 & OVER)

Champion CASSADOR,
5310087 – Ashley Hixon
Reserve MTM INSIDE SCOOP,
5204461 – Didi MacKenzie
3rd MTM DO RIGHT,
5264711 – Didi MacKenzie
4th BELUCCI, 5327776
– Lori Mathews
5th LUMINOUS, 5378315
– Shadyside Farm
6th MTM PASSPORT,
5340026 – Cammy Turgon

TEXAS HUNTER & JUMPER ASSOCIATION

2018 Annual Award Winners

AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER – 3'3"

Champion HIGHMARK, 5219044
– Courtney Baggett
Reserve UPCOUNTRY BETTIE,
5297068 – Courtney Baggett
3rd FILA, 5339391 – Caitlin Burns
4th WHAT A WONDER,
5297465 – Olivia Woods
5th GIA, 5138222 –
Shadyside Farm
6th SUPREME 6, 5324562
– Margaret Lattimore

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER (18 – 35)

Champion QUERIDA,
5485729 – Caitlin Burns
Reserve QUIRRELL, 5286803
– Tabitha Brown
3rd WESLEY, 5224096
– Stacia Jones
4th WONDERLAND, 5294230
– Alexandra Gonzalez
5th WEDDING PARTY 4917704
– Ashley Simmons
6th THEODORE, 5319517
– Stephanie Maxwell

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER (36 – 49)

Champion COCOMO, 5177240
– Brawley Farms, Inc.
Reserve CAYMUS, 5324239
– Brawley Farms, Inc.
3rd ALL IN TIME, 5102408
– Ticket to Ride LLC
4th VIVID, 5415913 – DM
Diamond Farm, LLC
5th WESTLEY, 5506986
– Laura Scanlon Cho
6th BIG MAGIC, 5294086
– Caroline Tuttle

ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER (50 & OVER)

Champion VANTAGE, 5269861
– Hallie Dewar Ferguson
Reserve DEXTER BANKS,
5336666 – Beth Bommer
3rd HOLLYWOOD PARK,
5315066 – Lynn Walsh
4th PALOMA, 5037967
– Bonnie Williams
5th ALAVANTA, 5266430
– Dr. Susan S. Bradley
6th YES HE'S GRANDE,
5060688 – Linda Yarborough

MODIFIED CHILDREN'S HUNTER

Champion MTM BALI, 5390015
– Ashley Schneider
Reserve WILLOW SPRING PAUL,
5242036 – Miranda Seade
3rd SUMMER SONG,
5408029 – Hampton Baker
4th SAN MIGUEL, 5033479
– Girling Farm LLC
5th EDDISON, 5384954
– Laura Scanlon Cho
6th LANZER, 4905918
– Viviana Yerkes

MODIFIED ADULT HUNTER

Champion PREMONITION,
5118793 – Johnnie Martin-Carey
Reserve LULLABY, 5379925
– Hallie Dewar Ferguson
3rd SWS PRESLEY, 5292833
– Kimberly Guthrie-Fiveash
4th THEORY, 5000414
– Leslie Ashley
5th REDDINGTON, 5391356
– Jennifer Devening
6th ONYX, 4825136 – Debbie Bird

HUNTER BREEDING

Yearling
Champion LUCE BRILLANTE,
5494062 – Olde Oaks Farm, Inc.
Reserve RHYME TIME,
5486722 – Barbara Bailey
3rd EMERALD CITY, 5502402
– Ashley Martindale
4th ROCOCO, 5489466
– Diane Garza

TWO YEAR OLD

Champion COME RAIN OR SHINE,
5442009 – Olde Oaks Farm, Inc.
Reserve FSH RENEGADE, 5416224
– Floyd Sport Horses LLC
3rd INFINITE SHINE, 5442008
– Olde Oaks Farm, Inc.
Three Year Old
Champion WEST END GIRL,
5389398 – Barbara Bailey
Reserve LF ESCAPADE'S VINTAGE,
5391647 – Audry Giles-Gates
3rd FLEUR DE LA COR BC,
5386988 – Olde Oaks Farm, Inc.

JUNIOR JUMPER – 1.20 METER

Champion LUX LIKE CLOVER,
5281573 – Marlo Williams
Reserve CRACK DE MUZE,
5398832 – Carson Grisham
3rd DEXTER, 5443466
– Miranda Seade
4th QUICKSILVER, 5311976
– Katherine Huffstutler
5th CONRAD, 5202788 –
Katherine Huffstutler
6th DONNIE DARKO SPARK
Z, 5269560 – Maddison
Binford-Wiggins

JUNIOR JUMPER

– 1.30 METER
Champion O.M.S. CHECKERS 5,
5298306 – Marlo Williams
Reserve GAP VAN DE KAI,
5384585 – Carson Grisham
3rd QUICKSILVER, 5311976
– Katherine Huffstutler

AMATEUR OWNER JUMPER – 1.20 METER

Champion MOONRAKER 11,
5263660 – Laura Rubinate
Reserve PINTO BEAN,
5300390 – Patty Roberts
3rd RAMPAGE, 5502391
– Kristin Sturtevant
4th MYSTIQUE, 5324735
– Sara Stashluk
5th MTM AXEL, 5360332
– Keyea Webster
6th FINNLEY 5, 5276235
– Monica Hanks

AMATEUR OWNER JUMPER – 1.30 METER

Champion DON JOHNNY,
5386728 – Sarah Sult
Reserve LIGHTS OUT,
5372007 – L.O.O. LLC
3rd INNE VAN DE PLATAAN,
5420880 – Jenny Booth
4th DALTON, 5423327
– Sydney Carr
5th CARDENTOS J.W.B.,
5322439 – Don Meyer
6th CAMERO 122 – 5372009
– Caitlyn Epperson

AMATEUR OWNER JUMPER – 1.40 METER

Champion CONQUISTADOR,
5229790 – Luis Marques
Children's Jumper – High
Champion SAMPRAS,
4533860 – John Gilpin
Reserve ASIREA FORTUNA,
5199185 – John Gilpin
3rd VICOMTE BRIEL,
5373256 – Jessica Bell
4th CENTADEL SF, 5423727
– Riley Delbecq
5th BIAGGI, 5460962
– Laurel Walker
6th HSS CORMICK,
5410730 – Ava Leslie

CHILDREN'S JUMPER – LOW

Champion ATOMIC, 5349240
– Maxim Investments
Reserve WASHINGTON,
5114746 – Emma Flett
3rd NO SKY TOO HIGH,
5279281 – Laurel Walker
4th ELEGANCE INA JEWEL,
5442427 – Erin Harrelson
5th LOVING VINCENT,
5492111 – Rachel Lehane
6th FLY ME TO THE MOON,
5011432 – Grace Morgan

ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER – HIGH

Champion LICKITY SPLIT,
5218346 – Charlotte Seigler
Reserve I-MAI TAI OHF,
5052763 – Emily Thomas
3rd LUNAR ECLIPSE FCF,
5041170 – Megan Smith
4th C2 VITESSE, 5174916
– Chantal Catteeuw
5th LUSAKA 3, 5411799
– Catherine Berry
6th EMILIOS, 5175500 – La
Primera Hacienda, LP

ADULT AMATEUR JUMPER – LOW

Champion MAXMILLION,
5117753 – Charlotte Seigler
Reserve CHACHI, 5175125
– Morgan Sanderson
3rd HIGH MOON, 5173805
– Brittany Perez
4th CORONA, 5316705
– Gina Sanderson
5th LUSAKA 3, 5411799
– Catherine Berry
6th GESTO NEUNHOF'S LEVANTADO,
5328051 – Caroline Beecherl

OPEN JUMPER

Champion MTM CRAVITZ,
5247431 – MTM Farm
Reserve QUILONA VZ,
5061355 – Carolyn Elsey
3rd MTM FULL HOUSE,
5384340 – MTM Farm
4th CAPITANO, 5180941
– TKO Partnership
5th ABRACADABRA WKT,
5047692 – Monica Hanks
6th ZIEZO, 5330838 –
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PONY EQUITATION

Champion MCKAYLA BROMBACH
Reserve CAROLYN COLTER
3rd LOLA HEAD
4th TESSA DOWNEY
5th RILEY DELBECQ
6th SKY BANDINI-GONDRON
Junior Equitation (15 – 17)
Champion MIRANDA SEADE
Reserve BELLA KAY
3rd CATHERINE MOORHEAD
4th KATHERINE HUFFSTUTLER
5th HALLIE GRIMES
6th MIA GRADICK

JUNIOR EQUITATION (14 & UNDER)

Champion BROOKE BROMBACH
Reserve PEYTON RATHBUN
3rd ANNAKATE LONG
4th RACHEL RESCH
5th AVERY DEYOUNG
6th MACKENZIE HAMILTON
Children's Equitation
Champion LOLA HUTCHISON
Reserve ASHLEY SCHNEIDER
3rd OLIVIA CLAYTON
4th JOSIE SHANNON
5th PEYTON RATHBUN
5th KENNA MOORE
6th ELEANOR RUDNICKI

ADULT EQUITATION

Champion TARA JANE ARNOLD
Reserve CHRISTINE ARLITT
3rd TABITHA BROWN
4th DENISE NEEF-FIORE

Planning Horse Shows - An Exercise in Insanity

Gayle O'Rear, Show Manager

"Let's put on a horse show." "We can have a schooling show. It should be fairly simple." How often I've heard these words and thought: "You don't know what you're getting yourself into." We all love to show and wonder why there aren't enough shows since everybody wants to go. Well, horse shows are like horses, they don't look "that complicated", but once you get into planning them, it's like the proverbial Pandora's box.

Books have been written about putting on horse shows, so I will not attempt to write about all the details in this short article, but I will try to give you an idea on what goes on behind the scenes in planning a show. First, you need to select a date and a place. Although it sounds simple enough to choose a date, you need to consider things like: Is it in conflict with another show so that your attendance may suffer? Is it near a holiday and which holiday? Some holidays will help increase attendance such as school holidays on Fridays and some will complicate it such as Easter. How is the weather? This can affect the possibilities of the show being cancelled due to bad weather. The show site may be your own stable or it could be a commercial show facility. Either way, you need to be sure there are enough stalls for the horses if the show is more than one day and have large enough convenient areas to park trailers, cars,

and trucks. Are there enough hotels/motels near the show facility?

Secondly, you need to be knowledgeable about the rules from the various organizations such as USEF, THJA, etc. Even if you are doing a schooling show, you still need to run it by some of these rules so that the riders and coaches will be familiar with them when they go to rated shows. The rules will contain information about what personnel, equipment and supplies you will need. Some of the things you may not think about are special boxes for the disposal of used needles and syringes, number of schooling area stewards, number of medical personnel, tack and equipment that can and cannot be used when showing, etc.

Third are the personnel. We all know that every show needs judges, a show secretary or secretaries, paddock masters, farriers, and jump crew, but did you think about someone to get food for the judges and show secretary, runners to bring the judge's cards back to the office, people to organize and present the ribbons, just to name a few. One very important consideration is what to do if people don't show up such as jump crew, a judge, etc. (this is a big nightmare!)

Fourth are the supplies and equipment needed. For the show office you will need computer hook-ups, a printer, paper, pens, and sometimes



Madeleine Wilson and Mozart Symphony

it's nice to have baskets for strings that go on the numbers, or for candy. Don't forget about the ribbons and trophies which must be ordered in sufficient time for the ribbon company to have the show name and places put on the ribbons and get them shipped in time. Some of the equipment includes things like tractors with dragging equipment for the rings, timers for the jumper classes, jumps, and decorations for the rings.

Fifth, provide hay and shavings for the horses and stalls. Sometimes you may have to let exhibitors know where to get some horse supplies or where to get their equipment fixed. Electrical hook-ups need to be provided for fans and other equipment and making sure that the water faucets in the wash stalls have hoses.

Sixth is the prize list and the publicity. The prize list format and information is dictated in part by the rules of the USEF or other horse show governing bodies. Then, there is the printing which must be done in sufficient time to get the prize list mailed to the

exhibitors. Of course, there is always email which most people have and the social media, but you may not have someone's email address so you will have to "snail mail" them a copy of the prize list because you are trying to get a maximum number of exhibitors. You may need some copies in the office. When going to businesses for support, many of them need to see the prize list and keep a copy of it. Publicity can be done through the social media, in newspapers, posters, etc.

Seventh are some things such as spaces for vendors, photographers, and information on how to obtain a farrier or veterinarian. You may need hotel rooms for some of the people who staff the show and come from out of town.

These are just a few areas which you will need to address when planning a show. By no means is this list comprehensive, but it may give you a brief idea about how complicated these shows are and to realize that they aren't merely rings, judges, and exhibitors.



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Conditioning the Horse and Rider

Gayle O'Rear and Col. John Russell

How many times have we heard that "riding isn't a sport, all you do is sit in the saddle and the horse does the work." Although we may have the urge to strangle this idiot, we should think seriously if we truly perceive ourselves and our horses as athletes. Like pair skaters, the horse and rider must work in coordination with each other and both, not just one, must be fit.

I noticed in most shows that many riders and horses didn't do well in the classes on the second day and often lost classes because they had rails down, had refusals, and/or the riders couldn't think quick enough. Many horses and riders start out with a lot of energy, but by the time they've had two or three classes their energy level is depleted and by the last class in the division, many horses drop a foot or hit the rail with their leg or even stop. The riders lose energy as seen when they get "jumped out of their tack" or even fall off their horse.

The rider should remember that the energy used at a show is not just the number of jumps in the ring, but also the number they have jumped in preparation for going into the

ring. Some horses require more time to warm-up than others; therefore, conditioning is of great importance so that by the last class the horse still has enough energy to go clean and the rider can help the horse by riding him in an attentive and thoughtful manner. In a good, well-rounded conditioning program, the horse and rider can get in condition together. Suppling exercises are part of the program.

The following are my suggestions for a conditioning program along with some suppling exercises:

First, have a watch so that you can time yourself. A minute or five minutes is longer than you think.

Start with a good walk in both directions making sure the horse fully stretches his neck and legs to get out any stiffness and soreness. Start with a slow walk and then increase the rate of the walk as you and your horse get warmed up. Riding without stirrups can also help with suppleness and balance. During your walk make circles, loops, figure 8's, spirals, or any other movements you would use on course. This should be done for approximately 5 minutes.



Jadyn Long competing in Las Vegas

After you finish walking, start into a slow, even trot in both directions and then go to a more extended trot. Vary the rate of the trot, going slower and more collected for part of the time and then go into a faster, more extended trot. You can make this more interesting and beneficial by doing

an extended trot down the long sides of the arena and then a more collected trot on the ends of the arena. You can also make circles, figure 8's, spirals, and other movements you would use on course. This trotting phase should last about 5 minutes.

After trotting, you can then begin cantering, both collected and extended. You can also, like

walking and trotting, practice those movements you would use when jumping a course. You should do this for about 5 minutes.

After you are finished with your conditioning work, which should last about 15 to 20 minutes, you should both go for a long walk in order to cool off.

These exercises should be done about every other day at home or even at the shows. They can be done in an arena or in a field.

You will find that after a while these exercises get easier and at the shows you won't feel as tired and your horse will also have better, more focused energy.

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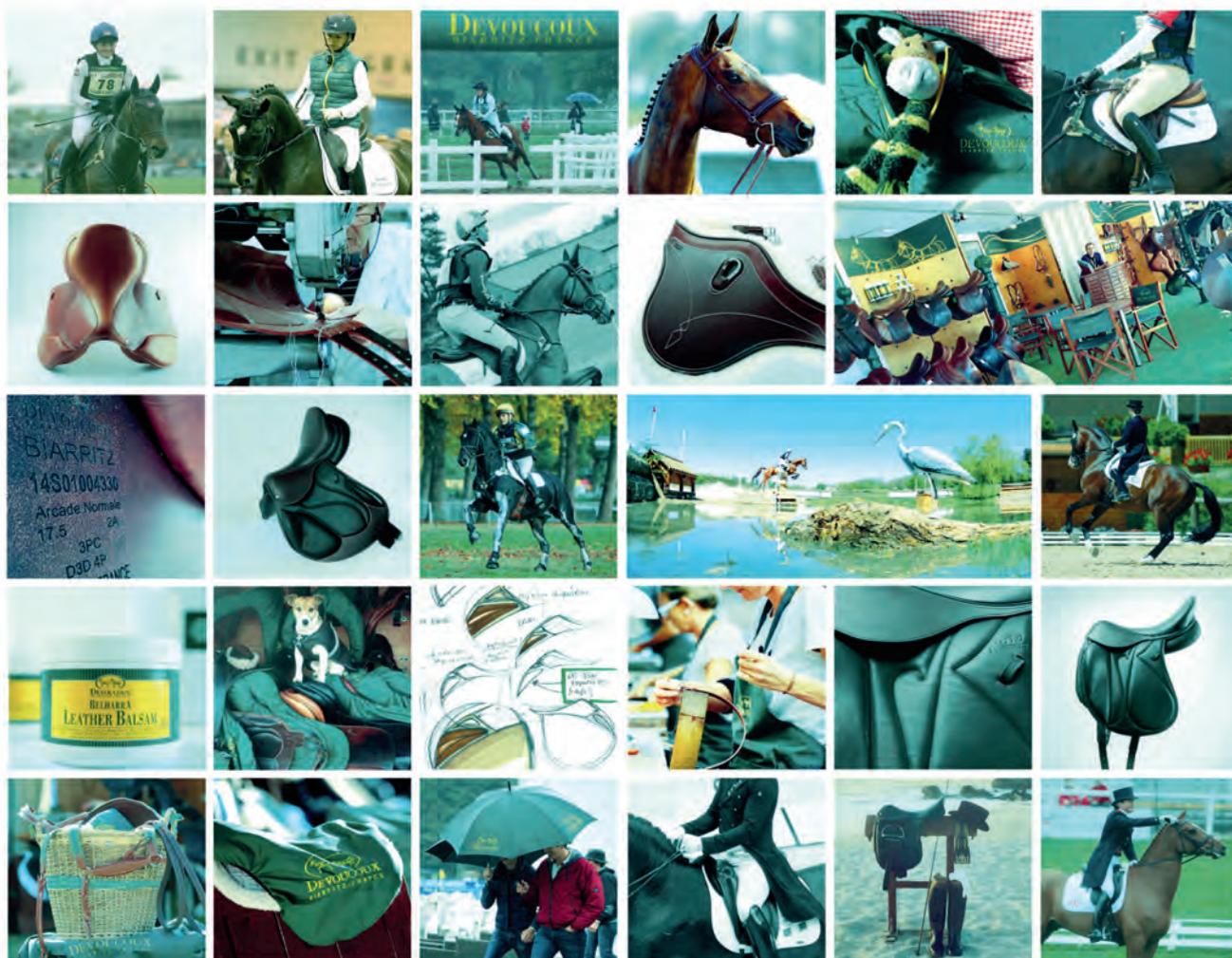
Feb 23-24	NTHJC Benefit – Hunter/Jumper Schooling Horse Show
Feb 28-Mar 3	Texas Rose Spring Kickoff I – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Mar 7-10	Texas Rose Spring Kickoff II – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Mar 23-24	DHJSC Season Opener – Hunter/Jumper Schooling Horse Show
Apr 17-20	Texas Rose Spring Festival – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Apr 24-28	Texas Shootout – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
May 3-5	Texas Rose Spring Finale – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
May 17-19	Texas Rose Spring Breed Show
June 8-9	NTHJC/WW Show – Hunter/Jumper Schooling Horse Show
July 13-14	TRHP/DHJSC Summer Show – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Aug 22-25	Texas Rose Horse Breed Show – All Breed Show
Sept 4-8	Texas Rose Sporthorse Cup – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Sept 11-15	Texas Rose Classic – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Oct 3-6	Country Bound – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Oct 10-13	Fall Fun – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Oct 19-20	NTHJC/WW Show – Hunter/Jumper Schooling Horse Show
Oct 24-27	Texas Rose Octoberfest – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Nov 2-3	DHJSC Year End – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Nov 16-17	NTHJC Year End – Hunter/Jumper Horse Show
Nov 29-Dec 1	Texas Rose Autumn Breed Show – All Breed Show

We would like to extend a Heartfelt Thank You to all the trainers and competitors for a successful 2018. We wish you all the best for 2019.



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