



Show Bits

BALTIMORE COUNTY HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION

FALL 2009

2009 BENEFIT SHOW

We are proud to announce that the 2009 BCHSA Benefit Horse Show will be held at McDonough School on Saturday October 3rd. As you know, McDonough is currently undergoing some very exciting construction with the new indoor ring, management and the BCHSA board feel confident that by October we will still be able to have a wonderful show at their facility. If, by chance, there were to be construction delays, the location of the Benefit would move to Caves Farm. We thank them for being so understanding and willing to jump in at the last minute if needed.

This years Benefit Show will be another fun filled and competitive day beginning with the Merited Medal Equitation Finals. This will be our second year for our youngest equitation riders to compete in their own Medal Final. Make sure you watch our future equitation champions!

The ever popular Parent Leadline will be hotly contested in Ring 3; funds raised are directed to the Bonnie Thomas Memorial Fund. Good luck to all those Parents wrangled into this highly anticipated class, and while your adrenaline is up canter over to the Celebree Horseless Horse Show and compete in the Rusty Stirrup class.

Celebree Learning Center will be sponsoring our first Horseless Horse Show for “competitors of all ages”. Classes will be held on the lawn in front of the McDonough barn. Show manager Katie Fitzpatrick will be at the in gate with Squiggle the Celebree mascot. Check out the prize list in the Benefit mailing to pre-enter.

VOLUNTEERS

As the season comes to an end in the fall, the amount of work necessary to get everything done will steadily increase. We will be looking for volunteers to help out in many different ways. Some of the spots we'll be looking to fill include: help setting up the benefit, medal finals, and the banquet, , help in the secretary's stand at the benefit, jump crew for the benefit and medals, odds and ends tasks for all the events, help breaking down each event, and many other assorted tasks. Please note that none of these jobs require giving up an entire day. We're asking for people to volunteer at times when they or their children are not otherwise occupied (a few hours here and there). If you have any interest in volunteering for any of these events, please contact Miranda Kolbe at mkolbe@mcdonogh.org. Please specify on your email if you are interested in anything specific.

TROPHY RETURNS

Award winners of 2008, it is time to return, both Benefit Show and End of Year Banquet trophies. Trophies must be returned having been cleaned and polished, and Benefit trophies must have been engraved with the 2008 winner's name.

The deadline for trophy return is September 26^h. Please be advised that there is an imposed fine for late returns, and there is a cleaning fee attached to all trophies. Remember how excited you were to receive your trophy last year, please return by the due date so that the 2009 winner can experience that same excitement.

MARYLAND SADDLERY CLASSIC

The finals of the 2009 Maryland Saddlery Classic will be held at the Benefit Show. Three Classic winners will be pinned; the High Point Classic winner will be announced at the Banquet of Champions. Please remember you must be pre-entered into the Classic round of your division before it begins.

It is important to note that POINTS FROM THESE CLASSICS DO COUNT TOWARDS YEAR END AWARDS. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE POINTS ARE NOT YET ADDED TO DIVISION POINTS. THEY HAVE BEEN POSTED IN A SEPARATE CLASSIC SECTION, BUT THEY WILL ULTIMATELY BE ADDED TO THE YEAR END POINTS. Since the Classics are run in conjunction with specific BCHSA divisions, placings 1-8 carry point values over into the riders' specific divisions. The Classics point scheme is as follows:

1st- 20 points, 2nd- 16 points, 3rd- 14 points, 4th- 12 points, 5th- 10 points, 6th- 8 points, 7th- 6 points, 8th- 5 points

CLASSIC ATTIRE

Riders competing in a Classic at locally and nationally ranked horse shows are most often seen wearing a shadbelly (a more formal style of riding jacket). While it is not required to wear a shadbelly it is highly encouraged. If you do not own one Maryland Saddlery has some they will rent for a price of \$75.00 for the weekend. Please stop by and talk to Hope to reserve your shad belly early, she has a limited number available for BCHSA members.

BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS

The annual Banquet of Champions. The 2009 Banquet will again be held at Martin's Valley Mansion in Cockeyville on Saturday, November 21st. Look for invitations to arrive in the mail by October 1st.

2009 EQUITATION FINALS

The Annual BCHSA Medal Finals will be held this year at the beautiful Claddagh Manor Farm on Saturday October 10th. Every year this event stands out as a favorite for riders and spectators alike. The prizes are always amazing and the food provided is outstanding. We are proud to announce that this year's judge will be Susie Barrett.

The Board feels that in order to maintain this high level of competition that we have reached over the past few years, we have to ask the exhibitors for a small fee to participate. The BCHSA has always prided itself on not having to charge for this event, but as our numbers and the level of expectations have risen, and in combination with declining economy, we are now asking that each rider pay \$ 40.00 to compete in this great event. We are confident that the BCHSA Medal Finals will continue to be the foremost equitation event in the area.

Invitations to qualified riders will be sent in September. We ask that each rider return the requested information promptly so that we may include everyone in the Medals Program.

2009 FALL OPEN MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS

Each year at the end of the show season the BCHSA holds an open meeting for membership. The 2009 fall Open Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 7 o'clock.

Part of the business that evening is the nomination and election of new board members and officers of the Association. This fall there are a number of positions that will need to be filled; there are positions open at the board level both as members, and as Officers.

If you are interested in running for any position on the board, please forward your name via e-mail to the President, you may access the address through the website. You must be able to commit to a three year term as a member of the board, or a two year term in a Director's position; the board now meets once a month throughout the year for business and management purposes, and is responsible for a number of fund raising events.

If you have any questions regarding commitment and or requirements please ask any board member, they will be glad to fill you in. Please seriously consider getting involved at the Board level, membership support is crucial for the betterment of the BCHSA.

BCHSA SPECIAL AWARDS

Baltimore County Horse Show Association has a number of special awards that are presented each year at the Banquet of Champions. Individuals must be nominated by a member of the BCHSA; each nomination is then voted on by a special committee.

BCHSA presents awards for sportsmanship to both a junior and senior member of the Association. Any present member of the Baltimore County Horse Show Association may nominate an individual for one of these awards. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a member of the BCHSA who has provided exemplary support and commitment to the Association. The Golden Horseshoe Award is the BCHSA's Lifetime Achievement award, and is presented only on rare occasions to individuals who have performed meritorious service to the Association.

Take a moment to consider nominating an individual or group who may deserve of any of the Associations awards. Please compose a short written nomination essay with supporting information should be sent via e-mail to the Board of Directors at barnwife@verizon.net. Deadline for nominations will be October 19th. Descriptions of all BCHSA awards can be found in the rule book.

YEAR END POINTS

Please check your individual points after the Benefit Show on October 3rd. The deadline to report and resolve any discrepancies will be Wednesday, October 14th. Points will be official October 15th, no exceptions. Please check carefully and contact the Pointkeeper if necessary.