

## New England Horsemen's Council 2013 Year End Awards Banquet

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New England Horsemen's Council 2013 year end awards banquet held January 25, 2014 at the Best



Western Hotel in Marlboro, MA honored the NEHC 2013 High Score Champions. Seating over 230 exhibitors, trainers, and family members, the NEHC banquet created a great atmosphere to celebrate the 2013 show champions who attended the evening dinner and awards presentation.

This historic organization began in 1945 to help organize and track points for shows and reinvigorate the horse show industry after the end of World War II. Beginning with only 22 affiliated shows, the NEHC has grown to over 300 shows and is one of the largest horsemen's councils in the area culminating in the Medal Finals for three disciplines and the always well attended awards banquet.

NEHC Awards Chair, **Sue Arthur**, and NEHC President **Jo Hight**, did an excellent job of organizing the



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event and keeping everything running smoothly. Prior to the start of the festivities the NEHC sponsored a talk, given by **Marilyn Childs**, on the history of the Council since its beginning 74 years ago. Complete with a slide show of vintage pictures offering an opportunity for members to learn first-hand from the only surviving original board member! Followed by another very informative talk presented by Ashleigh Crowell, DVM of Ocean State Equine Associates, Dr. Crowell covered "Common Equine Emergencies" and "Equine Myth Busting".

Hosted this year by the Vermont Horse Association and their committee members **Anne Brown, Shelly Edson, and Mindy Hinsdale**, the NEHC gave out over 100 beautiful awards including the USHJA Zone 1 Champions, as the NEHC brought together exhibitors and horsemen from across New England for a



wonderful evening of friendship, dining, and dancing to live music. A new division offered in 2012, The Hunter Seat Pleasure Equitation Championship has become very well accepted. This year Champion **Danielle Cammarano** and Reserve **Kelsey Tremblay** are a one-two repeat of last year! The new challenge trophies, "The Callaway's Merriweather Saddle Seat Pleasure Equitation" donated by Roger Flood were awarded to **Miranda Demers**. The "Manhattan "Mac" Maggiore Memorial Adult Hunter 18-35" donated by the Woodridge Farm Family went to **Jackson's** owner **Alexandra Cotreau**, and the "Luv Express High Point

Quarter Horse" donated by Bill Ritchie was given to **'Sensational Impulse'** owned by **Emily Wise**. **Kiley Prime** retired the "Call My Bluff High Point Hunter Trophy" with **'The Graduate'**. The Champion and



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Reserve of both the English and Western Pleasure divisions also received a very useful gift gas card for \$500 and \$250 respectively along with their award. Olana Laffey, representing the New England Equitation Championships Hunt Seat Medal who also doubles as the USHJA Representative, presented Zone One awards. **Laura Kadane** finished up a great year having won the 2013 NEHC Older Adult Medal and taking the Year End Championship in the Regular Working Hunter/Performance Hunter, Reserve USEF and NEHC AO Over-35 with her wonderful horse, **'Upper Ten'**.

This year's banquet started off with the social hour to catch up on everyone's news and give all a chance to bid on silent auction items and the wonderful raffle prizes available, followed by a delicious dinner with choice of Chicken, Baked Haddock,

salad, mixed vegetables, and followed up fabulous cake.

A raffle organized by the Western Medal Committee and held as a fund raiser during the award



presentations, was drawn by ticket number giving winners a great group of prizes and gift baskets to choose from. Decked out in high fashion, the 'Young Entry' added glitter and glamor as they posed for their award pictures and twirled about the dance floor.

After the presentations the music began to play, ties and high heels came off and the dancing commenced. For a complete list of all the year-end awards, visit the NEHC web site at [www.NEHC.info](http://www.NEHC.info) .