

2014 New England Horsemen's Council Saddle Seat Medal Finals

The New England Saddle Seat Medal Finals have been in existence since 1976 with the goal of having an equitation final that is attainable for any Junior equitation rider in the Northeast. To qualify to ride the Finals, exhibitors must be a current New England Horsemen's Council member and either win a qualifying class or earn enough points in the qualifying classes.

A chilly morning start greeted the 18 New England Horsemen's Council Saddle Seat Medal riders as they entered the arena during the Octoberfest Horse Show held October 23- 26 at the Eastern States Coliseum in West Springfield, MA. The beautifully appointed horses and riders were divided into two sections, each of which rode a short round of rail work prior to the lineup, then retired from the ring to return individually to ride the test phase. The top ten total of the two sections were called back to return for the rail work phase at the start of the Friday evening performance.

Returning in formal attire the top ten finalists created a beautiful picture as they flowed around the ring demonstrating their riding skill working on the rail for the judges. Prior to the announcement of the Champion several special awards were given out. Receiving the NEHC \$500 Scholarship is Emma Ouellette and the Sportsmanship Award is Abigail Tate.

Presenting awards this year was 3 generations of Codeannes', last year's winner Molly Codeanne with her Mom Kate, who won in 1982 and Kate's



and 10th to Emma Ouellette.

The Top 10 finalists received a 20% discount on their Terry Young Photos and a Gift Card from the UPHA Chapter 14 Winter Tournament Program. All the Finalists are given a keepsake leather bracelet and gift bags and entered in the drawing of a \$500 scholarship from the NEHC!

Clara received a \$2,000.00 scholarship to Williams Woods University, a \$500 Gift Certificate to Becker Bros, leather halter donated by Northgate Stable, The Kim Manna Trophy with Bouquet of flowers, The Special Sensations Trophy donated by Cedarledge Farm, and a full page B&W ad in Show Ring Times Saddlebred Magazine. The Champion's Trainer received the Cricket Hill Farm Trainer's Trophy with a \$125 Gift Card, the Champion's Parents received the Parent's Bottle of Champagne, and Clara's horse, "My Sudden Surprise" receive an etched glass bowl "UC Top Brass Trophy" full of apples from NEHC, presented President Jo Hight. donated by Bethany Godsoe. Reserve Champion received a leather Halter donated by Northgate Stable, an embroidered garment bag donated by Fairfield South, and a gift Certificate to My Trainer's Closet. The entire hard working NEHC Saddle Seat Committee of Chairwoman Sheri Lampropoulos, Devon Garone, Peggy

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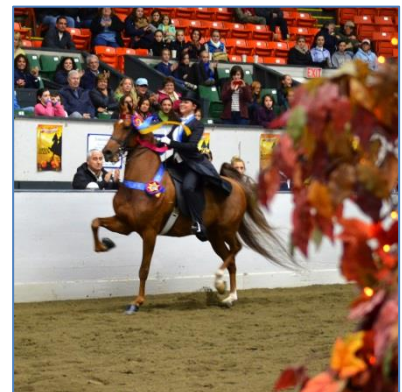
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NEHC Saddle Seat Medal Champion is Clara McCool and

Reserve Champion is Taylor Pszeniczny with 3rd Grace

Allison, 4th Cailin Bridges, 5th Charlotte Smith, 6th Nicole

Leone, 7th Abigail Tate, 8th Lauren White, 9th Abbie Palker,



Drummey, and the crew from High Tail Acres are to be commended for the wonderful event that both Saddle Seat and Walk-Trot Medal finals have become.

2014 WALK & TROT Medal Finals

Saturday afternoon 9 competitors in the Walk-Trot Saddle Seat Medal Finals, 10 years and younger, took



center stage in the arena showing great promise for the next generation of riders. The 'young entry' demonstrated great composure, collectively riding their rail work in both directions. As they lined up for the Judges awaiting their score, the Walk/Trot Sportsmanship Award



was presented to Megan Stanger who also placed fourth. When the Judges' cards were tallied the results were announced and by a unanimous vote of the Judges, your 2014 NEHC Walk & Trot Medal Finals Champion is Case Kobylski, with Reserve Champion Thea Post.

The Champion received a a \$500 Gift Certificate to Becker Bros, a leather halter donated by Northgate Stable, The NEHC Trophy with Bouquet of flowers and the Champion's Trainer received a \$125 Gift Card, the Champion's Parents received the Parent's Bottle of Champagne. Reserve Champion receives a Leather Halter donated by Northgate Stable and a Gift Certificate to 'My Trainer's Closet. All competitors received a 20% discount on their Terry Young Photos, a keepsake leather bracelet and gift bags, and a custom sweatshirt from the UPHA Chapter 14 Winter Tournament Program. Rounding out the call is 3rd Maggie Elizabeth Clark, 4th Meagan Stagner, 5th Sydney Pietraszewski, 6th Courtney Kramlick, 7th Bella Jette, 8th Sophie Ouellette, 9th Tatum Milley.

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