

2022 Massachusetts Horsemen's Council
"Days of Champions" Huntseat Medal Finals

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The prestigious 41st Massachusetts Horsemen's Council's "Days of Champions", held annually at the Three County Fairgrounds in Northampton, MA, was a great success with 250 qualifiers over three days of competition.

Show Chair Felicia Knowles, Seabrook, NH and Manager Tom Hern, Plymouth, MA, along with a tireless staff create an exhibitor friendly and well-run final with daily raffles, first to go gifts, and a host of beautiful ribbons and prizes.



Tom Hern and Felicia Knowles

Judges for this year were Scott Alder, MI, also the course designer, Jeff Nowak, MA, Richard Slocum, VT, and standing in for FL stranded Scott Hofstetter, Amy Eidson, RI.

Warm up Thursday offered schooling in the arena followed by an informative USHJA Zone sponsored Q&A on Equitation Tips with Judge Richard Slocum, followed by refreshments for all. This year's special awards were presented to:



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Friday dawned sunny and chilly for the 40 younger Adults and 47 older Adults. In the Adult Medal 18-30, the top three after the first round, Caitlin C. Geary, Emily Noble, and Geniefer L. Loring were called back in the top 4 to test, with Caitlan keeping the top spot and, **Geniefer L. Loring** riding with **Kathy Hass-Ogonowski**, moving up after the test to win the **Reserve Champion**.



2022 MHC Adult 18-30 Championship Caitlin C. Geary

The **2022 MHC Adult 18-30 Championship** was awarded to **Caitlin C. Geary** who trains with **Lauren Stevens**.

Next up came the older Adults with another 3-way ride off between Kaedee Nowakowski, Mariel A. Saccucci, and Sara E. Ballinger. Calling back 6 to test, the final was awarded to **2022 MHC Adult Over 30 Champion is Kaedee Nowakowski**, training with **Megan Oathout** and the **Reserve Champion** awarded to **Sara E. Ballinger**.



2022 MHC Adult Over 30 Champion is Kaedee Nowakowski

Following the competition and hosted by the DOC in the arena, the very much appreciated Presidents Dinner served everyone lots of warm food, salad,

desserts, and refreshment, catered by local Spoleto's restaurant.

Saturday dawned typically rainy and cool for Junior Day then dried out in the afternoon. The days competition brought 64 qualifiers to show in their respective open equitation and the JR Medal. Scott Alder's courses are always fair and challenging, making interesting use of the quarter lines for fence placement and multiple long approaches and bending lines. This year Scott added a bounce in and out in front of the judges table in the first round.



Serving up The Presidents Dinner

Riding beautifully and winning her open eq, **Morgan E. McCarthy**, who trains with **Amber J. Vera**, was called back on top after the first round and stayed there through the second round



Morgan E. McCarthy - photo by Jess Windhurst

and the test to be named **2022 MHC Days of Champions Junior Medal Champion**, sponsored by Corinthian Insurance.



2022 MHC Days of Champions Junior Medal Champion, Morgan E. McCarthy

Reserve Champion went to **Daicey Richardson** training with **Kathern Fletcher**. Daicey recovered from a rough open eq to move from 5th in the first round of the medal to 2nd after the second round and the test.

Sunday was dry and breezy from the remnants of hurricane Ian for the Adult and Junior Mini Medals. The Adult Mini Medal saw 25 exhibitors and the MHC Mini Medal hosted 47 qualifiers.

First up, in the adults **Molly Gordon** riding with **Mark De Blasio** moved up after the first round to the top of the second round and the test to be named **2022 MHC Days of Champions Adult Mini Medal Champion**.



2022 MHC Days of Champions Adult Mini Medal Champion, Molly Gordon

Reserve Champion went to **Nancy Wiens** who trains with **Courtney Dilallia**. Nancy moved up from 6th to 2nd after the second round to maintain position through the test.

The afternoon's performance was the MHC DOC Mini Medal with 16 under-11yrs and 31 12-14yrs qualified, for a total of 47 Mini Medal competitors. Riding to the top at the end of the first round and maintaining that position through the second round and test, **Madison McHugh** who trains with **Ann Dotoli** proved unbeatable to be named **MHC DOC 2022 Mini Medal Champion**.

Reserve Champion was awarded to **Emilee Pouladdej**, also riding with **Lauren Stevens**, who placed 4th in the open eq 11 and under, called back 3rd at the end of the first round, moved up to 2nd at after the second round, and held it for the Reserve.



MHC DOC 2022 Mini Medal Champion, Madison McHugh

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