

2025 Massachusetts Horsemen's Council

"Days of Champions" Medal Finals

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Horse Show Chairman Felicia Knowles Seabrook, NH and Show Manager Bill Worthington of



Brookville, MD, along with the hard-working staff produced another well run and highly competitive Massachusetts Horsemen's Council "Days of Champions" Medal finals again this year.

Judges this year were Todd Karn, NY, Patrick Rodes, TX also the Course Designer, Scott Williamson, OH and Fifi Schmidt, MA.

The 44th annual MHC Days of Champions Huntseat Equitation Medal Finals took place September 26–28 at the Three County Fairgrounds arena in Northampton, MA. This prestigious event welcomed exhibitors competing in Adult, Junior, and Mini Medal divisions.

"New" this year at the Fairgrounds is the change to fully upgraded and improved **GGT Footing** in the indoor arena! Also, the schedule changed with the Adult Mini & Mini's going on Saturday, and the Juniors competing on Sunday.



Warm up Thursday was a rainy, damp day making the covered warm up ring very much appreciated by all. The always popular USHJA Zone 1



Equitation Educational Forum featuring an informative Q & A session with Judges Fifi Schmidt and Patrick Rodes with MC John Bahret was held after warm-ups. Sandwiches and drinks were served up to all with a free stall raffle afterward.

Friday brought clearing weather for the 37 Older and 16 Younger Adults. The much appreciated 'President's Buffet', catered by Spoleto's Restaurant and sponsored and served up by the MHC proved to be a welcome end to a long day of competition for riders,

trainers, and staff.

The first Medal of the day, **sponsored by BACK BAY FARM**, Class 2 MHC Over 30 Adult Medal Champion was awarded to **CASSIE GERRITY** trained by **Kristen L. Bumpus**. Riding strongly through the morning, Cassie won her open eq, held second after the first and second round, and the call back to move up for the win after the test. **Reserve Champion** was **LORI DONFRANCESCO** trained by **Amber Viera**.



The afternoon was devoted to class **4 MHC 18-30 Adult Equitation Championship Sponsored by Woodridge Farm, Inc.** Congratulations go to **Champion, LEAH MUNOZ trained by Katie Bobola!** Repeating her 2024 MHC Junior Medal win, Leah won her open eq, road to the top at the end of the first round and stayed there to take home the top prize. **Reserve Champion is ELIZABETH CHENELLE trained by Armand J. Chenelle.**



Saturday this year was Mini Medal Day with 45 younger and 21 older Mini medal competitors. Beautiful warm sunny weather greeted the Mini Exhibitors as they warmed up in the outside ring.

The first Medal was class **7 MHC Mini Medal Championship Sponsored by Horseworks Insurance,** the Medal was awarded to **MADISON FUGMAN trained by Rachel Sagalyn!** Placing at the top of her open eq., holding fifth position at the end of the first round, Madison moved up to the top spot over **Reserve Champion, ELSA FUDEMAN trained by Carly M. Corbacho!**



Next up was class **9 MHC Adult Mini Medal Championship.** The winner of 21 competitors was **LEAH SHEDD trained by Kathryn K. Fletcher!** Placing third in her open eq, Leah moved up to the top at the end of both rounds and the test of the top two to take the tricolor over **Reserve Champion CAITLIN N. SHEA trained by Carl D. Catani.**



The last day of competition on Sunday was another stellar weather day for the Junior Medal this year.

A total of 69 Juniors competed for the prestigious **MHC Days of Champions Junior Hunter Seat Medal,**

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Riding consistently throughout the day, **Fiona Fitzgerald, trained by Amber Viera,** placed fourth in her open eq and first round, moved up to third after the second round, and ultimately won both the test and the final to become the **2025 MHC DOC Junior Medal Champion!**



In a close ride-off for **Reserve Champion, Gwendolyn Romiza**, also trained by **Kathryn K. Fletcher**, won her open eq, was called on top over Brook Kelly at the end of the first round, and then in second after the second round and the test, Gwendolyn Romiza moved up to claim Reserve. Honorable Mention goes to third place finisher **Brook Kelly**, trained by **Rachel M. Sherer**, who demonstrated strong riding throughout the competition.

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