

The Mount Holyoke Fall Hunter/Jumper Series Finale was held December 6, 2009 to crown the series champions and reserve champions. Championships were awarded for the Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Walk Trot, Hunter Type, Leadline, Green Bean, Schooling Hunter, Open Jumper, Children/ Adult Equitation and Special Hunter divisions. The series consisted of the September 27<sup>th</sup>, the October 18<sup>th</sup>, the November 22<sup>nd</sup> and the finale December 6<sup>th</sup>. The awards for Series High Point Rider and Trainer were also awarded at the close of the show.

The brisk morning started off at 8am with the conclusion of the Short Stirrup division. Aboard PVF Right of Way, Hannah Severance of Belchertown, MA earned the championship with a total of 49 points. Severance trains at Muddy Brook Farm, in Amherst, MA. She participated and placed in the October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and the December 6<sup>th</sup> finale, including a first and second over fences and a second and third on the flat. The reserve championship went to Katherine O'Brien of Worcester, MA. O'Brien rode Little Miss Scarlet to a total of 35 points. At the series finale, she placed first and second over fences and had two firsts on the flat.

The Long Stirrup championship was presented to Hayley Porter. Porter rode a combination of mounts to the win with a total of 79 points. Porter of Monson, MA, rides under the guidance of Joy Collins and won six classes throughout the four show series. She placed in all the remaining classes of her division each month. Nicole Jajliado and Ripple Effect secured the reserve championship with a final score of 46 points, including five blue ribbons. Jajliado hails from Granby, MA and trains with Shaina Humphrey.

The champion of the Walk Trot Division was Carly Liquori with 74 points. Liquori is from Feeding Hills, MA and rode FCF Don't Skip Julie for 16 placings in the series, including six first places. Lexy Korytko of Granby, MA was reserve champion. Overall Korytko and mount Ripple Effect earned 45 total points with the help of four first place ribbons throughout the series.

The Hunter Type champion was Julia Lloyd of Feeding Hills, MA aboard Sweet Steppin' Lark. The pair earned a total of 67 points with numerous placings during the fall show series. Crystalyn Russell rode Janny and Camptown to receive the reserve championship. Russell, of South Hamilton, MA earned a total of 44 points and rides with Muddy Brook Farm.

There was stiff competition in the Leadline division. The championship was awarded to Nicolas Andrade Lockwood of Southampton, MA. Lockwood is trained by Sandee Theroux and rode Marcus, securing a first, third and fourth place for a total of 14 points. There was a tie for reserve championship between Leah Blanchett, of Feeding Hills, MA and Mia Felix, of Southwick, MA. Both riders train with Danielle Barrasson and received a first place and second place ribbons.

Dayna Scott took home the Green Bean division championship aboard Hangin' With Mr. Cooper. Scott of Valarie, NY, finished with 51 points and is trained by Rachel Fugman. The duo collected five firsts, one second, two thirds and one fourth. Reserve champion went to Adrienne Mendelson and Rollin' Along with 21 points. They are trained by Ed Paro and swept the Green Bean division at the September 27<sup>th</sup> show.

The Schooling Hunter division champion was Danielle Bolduc riding for Washstone Ranch. Bolduc rode Little Bear Boy to a total of 35 points. Beth Guerin picked up the reserve championship title aboard Heartland's Finer Things. Guerin of Amherst, MA, rode for Heartland Farms and gathered two blue ribbons.

The champion of the Open Jumper division was Taylor Wyman of Blandford, MA. Wyman rode Rocky to a total of 96 points with an impressive eleven first place finishes throughout the series. Wyman trains with Becky Acord. Wyman also received the Series High Point Rider award for collecting 125 points overall. Reserve championship was awarded to Hillary Lak of South Hadley, MA. Lak rode her own Jesse James, to an 18 point total with two second and two third place ribbons. Lak trains with Elizabeth Pelis of Northern Creek Farm in Hadley, MA.

The Children/ Adult Equitation champion was Talia Bagdoyen of Williamsburg, MA. Bagdoyen earned 20 points aboard Orlando and Reid. Reserve champion Katie Wagner of Granville, MA also rode a combination of horses to a total of 17 points. Both riders are trained by Joy Collins, the Community Program Director at Mount Holyoke College. Collins received the Series High Point Trainer award. She had numerous students who participated in the horse show series and accumulated an extraordinary total of 597 points.

Collins is also the event manager at MHC and was very happy with the outcome of the fall horse show series. "Everyone had a great time and my students did very well." She continued, "We are already getting prepared and looking forward to the spring horse show series."

Sam Trase took home the Special Hunter championship. Trase, of Suffield, CT and mount Skip earned 29 points. Trase received many ribbons during the show series to secure the division lead. Amy Strastfield rode Ciano to the reserve championship with 24 points. Strastfield of Westfield, MA also trains with Joy Collins.

The finale wrapped up with the High/Low Hunter division. The championship went to Emily Caron and Elliot. The pair, who is trained by Joy Collins, finished with 19 points from two firsts and a second place. Jess Corbett and Socrates received the reserve championship with 16 points. Corbett of Dalton, MA is trained by Ed Paro and collected a trifecta of ribbons.

The Open Hunter / Jumper Series at Mount Holyoke College continues this spring starting on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The hunter/ jumper series carries on March 21, 2010 and concludes April 11, 2010 with division championships. For more information and the prizelist, please visit [www.mhcriding.com](http://www.mhcriding.com).