

Youth Judging Results

Coming from five states including IL, WI, MO, KY & IN, 228 youth ages 8 to 19 entered the All-Youth Horse Judging trials. Competition was broken up into two age divisions Juniors, aged 8 to 13 & Seniors aged 14- 19. The diversity of the contestant's horse breed knowledge was tested with the eight classes that were presented to them. Four halter classes and four performance classes were judged. Contestants were scored on how closely their ranking of the horses in each class matched the official placings as determined by a panel of experienced horse judges. Awards were given to the top ten individuals in each age division along with the top five teams in each age division. Trophy duffels were given to the champion individuals and teams as well. Thanks to Debra Hagstrom and her team for organizing this great event.

Sr Individual Ranking

1 Jessica Hall - Knox/Warren

2 Andrea Althoff - MC

3 Erin Lakamp - FFA Horse Squad

4 Makayla Klumpyán - Plymouth FFA

5 Courtney Edgeworth - Marion County Hoofbeats

2015 All-Youth Horse Judging Trials Senior Team Ranking

1 Madison County Mane Event Players

2 McLean County Horse Judging

3 Mercer County 4-H Equestrians

4 Union Co. Equine Team 1

5 Sangamon/Menard Counties

Jr Individual Ranking

1 Maya Baker: Midnight Riders Jr.

2 Ana Jacobs: Mercer County 4-H Equestrians

3 Audrey DeRossett: Union Co. Equine Team 1

4 Loewy Noud: Madison County Mane Event Players

5 Sarah Korthals: Henry County Rough Riders

2015 All-Youth Horse Judging Trials Junior Team Ranking

1 Madison County Mane Event Players

2 McLean County Horse Judging

3 Mercer County 4-H Equestrians

4 Union Co. Equine Team 1

5 Sangamon/Menard Counties

Congratulations to all and thank you for participating!

Horse Fair Queen and Princess

2015 IHF Princess is Kiersten Pratt, 16 year old daughter of Sue and Tim Pratt of Arlington, IL. Kiersten competes and shows her Appaloosa, KF Laced by Luke in dressage, hunters and jumpers. She is also active in Appaloosa events, hippology and horse-bowl.

2015 IHF Queen is Becca Schwieter the 20 year old daughter of Mike and Joyce Schweiter of Gibson, IL. Becca rides her paint Uniquely Mine in local shows, trail rides and showmanship. She is a junior at Knox College, hoping to pursue a career in veterinary medicine and is on the dean's list for academic achievement.

Other recognitions: Essay – Jayme Geisler; Princess Horsemanship – Maya Baker; Queen Horsemanship – Jessica Winter; Miss Congeniality – Olivia Farmer.



Trails Challenge

Clinicians Tracy Porter and TJ Clibborn conducted the trails challenge suitable for willing horse and seasoned rider, the test provided thrills and surprises throughout the weekend. Riders and their horse compete for cash prizes by negotiating a course of obstacles while being scored by a panel of judges and times.

1st place team: Blair Monroe, Dolly Pierson, Amy Monroe, Chloe Tiearks, Alicia Poole

Heartland Horseman's Challenge

Dennis Cappel was named winner of The Heartland Horseman's Challenge, a judged competition covering all days of the Illinois Horse Fair, where a trainer is given the opportunity to work with a horse unknown to them, culminating in a freestyle ride or challenge course, allowing each competitor to showcase their abilities and talents. This year's challenge partnered trainers with off the track Thoroughbreds. The event was sponsored by ADM Alliance Nutrition.

Liberty Class

Our 2015 Liberty Class was an example of Variety and Versatility! From the Mini-Gypsy Vanners to the long legs of the Friesien! The champion of Liberty was Killian, a Stallion from Horsemeister Friesiens, followed closely by Ten Oaks Dupree, a Gypsy stallion. These boys rocked the coliseum!

Dean Scoggins Memorial Scholarship

Catherine Foreman was awarded the 2015 Dean Scoggins Memorial Scholarship during the Horse Fair. She received \$1,000 toward educational expenses at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine.

The Scoggins scholarship was initiated in 2007 to honor the memory of the late Dr. R. Dean Scoggins, DVM, a dedicated horseman in addition to being a skilled veterinary practitioner and faculty member at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. He spent a great deal of time promoting the strength and integrity of the horse industry through his educational efforts, teaching both on-campus and off-campus as an Illinois State Specialist with U of I Extension.

Volunteers Make It Happen!

Without the dedication of dozens of volunteers working all aspects of the event, Horse Fair would never happen. Thanks isn't enough!

Teri Derango

Cheri Day

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Blair Monroe

Dennis Monroe

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Steve Whitfill

Becky Whitfill

Kelly Rodemacher

Ed Dobby

Patricia Dobby

Denise Sherwood

Jim Winch

Beth Stephens

Jesse Cooper

Holly Prisner

Cameron Prisner

Dylan Waterman

Dale Waterman

Loretta White

Kim Dresch

Donna Jacobs

Melinda Bell

Karen Jones

Sharon Brost

Kerry Grunloh

Nathan Lippert

Cheryl Connelly

Elaine Ramesh

Rachel Torbert

Kevin Kline

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The large venue of the Illinois State Fairgrounds provided abundant opportunities for more than 16,000 in attendance to experience The "Variety and Versatility of the Amazing Horse" at Illinois Horse Fair 2015 on March 6th through 8th. More than 20 buildings, 4 arenas, 2 demonstration areas, 4 classrooms and 95,000 square feet of shopping were filled with evidence that the horse industry in Illinois is thriving. The annual Illinois Horse Fair is the primary fundraiser for **Horsemen's Council of Illinois** who uses the proceeds to educate, mobilize and represent horsemen and the equine industry.

General Chairman, Ron Rhoades reports that despite some weather related challenges IHF 2015 posted a 32% increase in attendance over the prior year and was one of the largest Horse Fairs in years. Daytime attendance was up 30% and evening attendance for the Wooten Rodeo increased by 45% from the 2014 evening shows and filled the coliseum to capacity.

More than 230 horses along with their riders and handlers took up residence to put on demonstrations, participate in clinics, challenges, and show the horse-hungry public their "stuff". Whether from the saddle or the stands, dressage, rodeo, trail challenge, barrel racing, cutting and liberty are just some of the dozens of ways participants and spectators enjoyed the weekend. The number of vendors increased to 130 and satisfied the appetites for shopping and food.

Clinicians Richard Winters, Ellen Baehr, Tim Boyer, TJ Clibborn & Tracy Porter, Lyle East, Scott McKinsey, Terry Myers, Smith Lilly, Curt & Polly Hagey, Jennifer Kotylo, Gary Lane provided nearly 90 clinic sessions and hundreds of hours of education and personal interaction.

According to the post-horse fair survey the dozens of educational seminars and demonstrations were a primary reason people traveled for hundreds of miles to attend and more than 55% of them spent more than \$100 for the weekend.

Planning has begun for Illinois Horse Fair 2016 to be held March 4th through 6th. Inquiries should be sent to chairman, Ron Rhoades at IHF@horsemencouncil.org. Effective June 1 the mailing address for Illinois Horse Fair will be P O Box 788, Quincy, IL 62306

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