

## Show Jumping Report

September 2008

### Benefit Show

The show jumping divisional finals were held at the 2008 Benefit Show; four C teams and two D Teams participated. Brandon/Red River team placed 1<sup>st</sup> from the C teams, and the Baldur team placed 1<sup>st</sup> from the D teams.

Four riders have qualified for consideration for advancement to the 2009 National Finals. All four of these candidates jumped in the 3 foot division or higher and/or jumped a higher height than their previous qualifying round for Nationals. Applications to each of these riders will be sent out with questions of qualifying criteria. The riders answers are entered on a scoring system to determine Manitoba's representative, and placing of alternates, for Nationals. I have not received notification of where Nationals will be hosted next year.

Sydney Hewins – Brandon

Karly Woods – Brandon

Jessie Good – Quarry Ridge

Kerry Moore- Mars Hill.

### Eastman / Westman Show Jumping Clinic

A make-up lesson has been arranged with clinician Terry Klassen and facility host Catherine McCallough for Eastman Series Saturday October 18/08 at Quarry Ridge Stable, and the Westman Series Saturday October 25/05 at Tally Ho Stable. This missed lesson idea was developed as the result of discussions with Terry. He wanted as many riders as possible to take advantage of their lesson series, and felt that some of the scheduling difficulties could be overcome through this make-up lesson idea. Terry has gone above and beyond to assist all the riders in Eastman and Westman series, and I continue to hear all positive comments about his instruction. This series was a huge success due to the added efforts of Terry, Catherine, Karen MacLean, and Lisa Taylor. This year's participants are already asking about next year's schedule for a similar series. Discussions with Terry and Catherine have produced positive feedback and the series would look at an earlier start and finish time; May-June. As well, the cost of the clinic would feature a different rate for pony club riders and non pony club riders, and advance payment for all participants.

### Danae Martens Clinic

A two day show jumping clinic with Danae Martens is scheduled for September 13-14/08 at Eastridge Farms. Due to the generosity of Danae the cost of this clinic is \$10 a day per pony club member/rider and \$20 a day per non-pony club rider. Thus far there are potentially 16 riders registered for Saturday and 17 riders for Sunday. The rider rate was determined the Monday of the clinic week after all registrations were submitted (19 for Saturday and 20 for Sunday).

There had been two e-mails sent to all riders/parents in the weeks leading up to the clinic confirming receipt of registration and that details would be released asap. After receiving only one withdrawal from the clinic in the previous week, all clinic details were sent out including rider fees, groups and ride times. On Tuesday September 9 I received e-mails from three pony club parents withdrawing their children from the clinic. Additionally stabling had been arranged with Danae for one of the withdrawn riders. This entailed additional e-mails back and forth between the parties, and consideration on

Danae's part.

After discussion with Val Crowe I have sent out an e-mail Wednesday September 10 to these three parents asking that due to the late nature of the withdrawal, and as each withdrawal involved unforeseen circumstances, that they submit the registration fees to the pony club treasurer asap. I have had one response as of Thursday September 11 with a note of apology and indication that she will be sending her fees to Leslie Wishart.

Therefore I would like to have a roundtable discussion on rider/parent responsibility with the clinics, regardless of discipline, in order to create a guideline for the parties organizing and participating in the clinic.