

Southeastern Connecticut

co-host Bit By Bit

co-host Rivendell

Show ID #HB1009

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Mystic Valley Hunt Club, Inc.

645 Long Cove Road

Gales Ferry, CT 06335

The following have been invited to officiate:

Judge

Ken Whelihan, USEF R
Otis, MA

Manager & Course Designer

Sally Hinkle Russell
Gales Ferry, CT

Steward

Jennifer Eaton, IEA Admin
Groveland, MA

Medical Personnel

Edward Quinlan, EMT
Groton, CT

*****QUALIFICATION STATEMENT*****

Membership in IEA is mandatory; only teams and individuals who are members may compete. Member paperwork must be processed and the member activated on the team roster prior to entering an IEA show pursuant to Rule 2000 in the *IEA Rules and Regulations of Membership*.

Sportsmanship Statements

The IEA was established to provide competitive and educational opportunities through equestrian athletics. Good horsemanship and honorable participation are priorities at every event. It is the responsibility of all attendees to foster a spirit of belongingness, an atmosphere of community enjoyment, and a mutual respect for all participants. All attendees must commit to the following oath:

Oath: (To be publicly stated at the start of all IEA events)

In representation of the participants at this event, I promise to respect and abide by the governing rules of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association and to represent myself, my team, and this association in the spirit of good horsemanship and honorable competition.

Directions to Show

I-95 to Exit 88. At end of ramp turn north onto route 117 north. Cross over route 184.
Travel 1/10th of a mile farther taking first left onto Gales Ferry Road.
Farm is 1 ½ miles down on the left.

Food caterer on the grounds.

Fund raising basket raffle for Southeastern CT – neat baskets, check them out.

Heated upstairs lounge.

Hunt Seat Class Descriptions Jumping Classes

1. Varsity Open Equitation o/f 2'6": Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 3'-3'6" on their usual mounts at home. Riders may have shown in any competition, recognized or unrecognized, at 3'3" or above. Coaches should be confident these riders could safely perform over a 2'6" Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Varsity Open Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Open Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Open Flat classes during the regular season.

2. Varsity Intermediate Equitation o/f 2': Open to riders in grades 9-12. Riders should be capable of jumping 2'6"-3' on their usual mounts at home. Intermediate riders may have shown in any competition, recognized or unrecognized, at 3' (0.90 meters) or below in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 3' (0.90 meters) at any competition recognized by organizations listed in Rule 3101.1 or their affiliates must be placed in Varsity Open O/F. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over 2' Hunter or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Varsity Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Flat. To be eligible for post season

competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Varsity Intermediate or Varsity Open Flat classes during the regular season.

3. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation o/f x-rails – Riders should be capable of jumping 2’-2’6” on their usual mounts at home. Junior Varsity Novice Riders may have shown in any horse show, recognized or unrecognized, at 2’6” or below in any discipline. Riders who have won 10 or more blue ribbons at 2’6” at any competition recognized by organizations listed in Rule 3101.1 or their affiliates must be placed in the next higher appropriate level. Riders should have a minimum of one-year of professional instruction over fences. Coaches should be confident these riders would be able to safely perform over an x-rails hunter course or equitation course on an unfamiliar horse. Riders participating in Junior Varsity Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Junior Varsity Novice or Varsity Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Junior Varsity Novice or Varsity Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

4. Future Intermediate Equitation o/f 2’ – Restricted to middle school riders who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 2. Riders participating in Future Intermediate Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

5. Future Novice o/f x-rails - Restricted to middle school riders who meet the criteria for Hunt Seat Class 3. Riders participating in Future Novice Over Fences are expected to compete throughout the season in Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat. To be eligible for post season competitions (individual or team) riders must have accumulated the required points and participated in a minimum of two (2) Future Novice or Future Intermediate Flat classes during the regular season.

Flat Classes

6. Varsity Open Equitation on the flat – These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1-16

7. Varsity Intermediate Equitation on the flat – These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1-13.

8. Junior Varsity Novice Equitation on the flat – These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1-10.

9. Junior Varsity Beginner Equitation on the flat– Open to riders who are not eligible for Novice level jumping classes, but should be experienced enough to canter an unfamiliar animal in a group. These riders should be capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1 through 7. A Beginner rider may not have shown over fences larger than 2’ in any horse show. To be eligible for Class 9, a rider must have had at least one year continuous professional instruction, must demonstrate proficiency at the trot and canter, and be capable of competing on a variety of unfamiliar horses. A Walk/Trot class is now an optional offering and is open only to those riders competing in the Walk/Trot/Canter class. Entry fees will be collected but no individual or team points will be awarded. The intent is not to accommodate lower level riders. Competitors in W/T must meet eligibility requirements of Hunt Seat Class 9 and must compete in the W/T/C class.

9. Walk/Trot/Canter

9x. Walk/Trot (optional offering & does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 9 - W/T/C

10. Future Intermediate Equitation on the flat – Restricted to middle school riders who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1-13.

11. Future Novice Equitation on the flat – Restricted to middle school riders who are capable of performing Hunt Seat Tests 1-10.

12. Future Beginner Equitation on the flat – Restricted to middle school riders who meet the eligibility requirements of Class 9.

12. Walk/Trot/Canter

12x. Walk/Trot (optional offering & does not count for points) Open only to those riders who are riding in Class 12 - W/T/C

Championship Class (not offered at this show)

Varsity Open Championship Class – The top Varsity Open riders as determined by points and places within the show are eligible for this class. The class requires a minimum of six (6) riders, and should be limited to the top ten (10). Riders must be eligible to compete in Varsity Open Over Fences (2’6”) to be eligible for this championship class. The class may be run using the same mount for both phases of the competition, or a separate draw may be done for each phase. The judge may choose to implement any additional testing after the completion of the two mandatory phases. Phase 1 – Riders will be judged over an advanced equitation course with jumps from 2’6” to 3’. Hunt Seat tests 1-16 may be asked. Phase 2 – Riders will also compete on the Flat and may be asked to perform any of tests 1-16.

Hunt Seat Tests
Rule 3304

A rider must be prepared to perform the test appropriate for the class in which the rider is participating. Riders may be requested to perform the following tests collectively or individually during a show or competition. A Hunt Seat judge may choose from the following tests using tests 1-7 for Beginner riders, tests 1-10 for Novice riders, tests 1-13 for Intermediate riders, and tests 1-16 for Open riders. Instructions for performance of the test must be publicly announced. Any one or combination of appropriate or equivalent tests may be used.

1. Asked an appropriate horsemanship question that is tailored to the rider's ability level
2. Halt
3. Sitting trot
4. Two point position at the walk and/or trot
5. Figure eight at trot, demonstrating change of diagonals
6. Figure eight at canter on correct lead, demonstrating simple change of lead
7. Change Horses
8. Ride without stirrups at the trot
9. Jump a shortened course
10. Trot a jump
11. Ride without stirrups at the canter
12. Change leads down center of ring, demonstrating simple change of lead
13. Half-turn on forehand and/or half-turn on haunches
14. Canter on the counter lead
15. Hand gallop
16. Jump without stirrups

(Jumping tests should only be used in over fences classes.)

Hunt Seat Time Schedule

7:00 Schooling of Open and Intermediate Jumping/Flat Horses

7:45 All point sheets handed into secretary

7:55 Draw Horses for open/intermediate flat/fences classes & Course Walk

8:10 Coaches Meeting

8:30 Competition Begins:

1. Varsity Open o/f 2'6"
2. Varsity Intermediate o/f 2'
4. Future Intermediate o/f 2'
6. Varsity Open on the flat
7. Varsity Intermediate on the flat
10. Future Intermediate on the flat

Warm up of all X-rail horses, horse draw and a SHORT x-rail course walk

3. Junior Varsity Novice o/f x-rails
5. Future Novice o/f x-rails

Warm up of any Flat Only horses

Draw Horses for all flat classes

- 8. Junior Varsity Novice on the flat
- 11. Future Novice on the flat
- 9x. Junior Varsity Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot (optional)
- 9. Junior Varsity Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot/Canter
- 12x. Future Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot (optional)
- 12. Future Beginner on the flat- Walk/Trot/Canter

General Rules

Responsibility:

In exchange for entrance to and participation in the show, this entry constitutes an agreement and affirmation that the team making it, and each of its riders, coaches, trainers, and representatives shall accept and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the IEA and of the Show, and that each rider, coach and Team: (1) is a member in good standing of IEA, (2) is eligible as entered, and (3) will accept as final all rulings of IEA and the show steward (or committee) with respect to their conduct. Also, through participation each rider, **rider's parents/legal guardians**, coach, trainer, and participant acknowledges **THAT HORSES ARE INTRINSICALLY DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH**, thus each agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless IEA, its officers, directors, members, employees, Executive Director, National Steward, agents and representatives, the Event Host Coordinator, the host team and facility, the show stewards, stewards committee members, the show judges, the show secretary, all show organizers and officials, and all persons, stables, and others providing facilities, horses or equipment for the Show, other riders, coaches, teams and team sponsoring institutions, from any claim, action or suit, for injury, property damage or death sustained by the individual, rider, entity, coach, trainer, or participant while traveling to, from and around the show, while staying in the city for the show, during participation in the show and while at the show. This entry constitutes an acceptance of the hired officials at this event.

Entries:

Entries will not be accepted without an IEA number listed for each rider. A team roster showing proof of rider eligibility must be included with the entry form.

Entries will be accepted on a first received basis with full payment until all spots are filled, and may limited in any fair way. Entries for members of zone/region 1/9 will open on 11/1. Entries for members outside of zone/region 1/9 will open on 11/15. All entries will close on 12/1, or when classes fill to capacity. Each individual will be charged \$40 per class. There is no entry fee for Varsity Open Championship. One rider in each class should be marked as the priority entry. Scratches can be made with full refund before closing date. After the closing date, entry fees will only be refunded if a substitute team or rider can fill the opening. Checks should be made payable to Mystic Valley Hunt Club, Inc. ***credit cards accepted with an additional 3% transaction fee.***

Hunt Seat Format:

The general format will follow the Rules and Regulations as established by the IEA unless otherwise stated. However, if a topic is not covered by these Rules and Regulations, the rules and regulations of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association [“IHSA”] and the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. [“USEF”] for the Hunt Seat Division and the American Quarter Horse Association [AQHA”] and the National Reining Horse Association [“NRHA”] for the Western Division may be used as a reference for guidance in making an equitable decision under the circumstances. Any decisions made by a steward or show management shall be final.

All horses will be provided by the host team. Horses and Order of Go will be assigned by a random draw on

the day of competition. Before jumping classes, each rider will be allowed **only two** warm-up fences, in the pattern posted by the show steward. Warm-up fences may only be changed by a steward or show official. All classes will be judged on equitation, and faults of the horse will not be judged. If a horse should perform so poorly that it is impossible to fairly judge the rider, the judge may request a re-ride. Any other requests for re-rides will be determined by the steward.

-All riders must wear ATSM approved protective headgear whenever mounted.

Hunt Seat Awards:

-The Leading Rider Award will be given to the winner of the Varsity Open Championship.

-Team Championship: Each team will designate one point rider for each class in the Varsity and Junior Varsity and Future divisions. Different riders may be designated for flat and fences. A champion and reserve will be awarded to (1) The High Point Upper School Team and (2) The High Point Middle School Team. Overall High Point Team will be the team with the most points from all pointed classes-combined upper school and middle school results. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st=7 points, 2nd=5 points, 3rd=4 points, 4th=3 points, 5th=2 points, 6th=1 point.

-Sportsmanship Award will be given to the individual chosen by show officials to exemplify outstanding qualities of good sportsmanship.

Questions: Call 860-464-7934 farm or 460-8586 cell, Sally Hinkle Russell, **SHOW CONTACT**

