

**The Virginia Reining Horse Association (VRHA)** held their second show of the 2009 season The Commonwealth Classic at the beautiful Campbell Springs Farm in Chesterfield, Virginia on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2009.

We offered a full slate of NRHA Classes plus Beginner and Green Reiner. Custom Chaps were donated by CW Wiley Custom Saddles for the winners of the Prime Time Rookie. Buckles were awarded for Beginner, Green, Rookie 1 and 2, Youth Rookie and Limited Non-Pro.

It was a beautiful day in Chesterfield as we had close to 100 entries come to central Virginia to participate and vie for money and points.

In the Beginner Class it was Jodi Gipp besting 13 competitors aboard Majors Glenda Jac owned by Aaron Marx at the top with a score of 69 ½. Close behind was newcomer Jon Lamb riding Gallo Skeeter Bo and new reiner Ashley Borgard commanding Maximus Olena for third. Good riding to this group.

There were 23 entries in the popular Green Reiner Class. Fancy Mate guided Janice Bickes-Stroud to victory with a whopping 73. Susan Wilcox the owner of Fancy Mate was all smiles. This horse really loves to show! Our Board of Director John Bates riding Great Tori slid in for second and Jimmy McHone riding Kristin Walkers very nice horse, Ima Flashy Legend finished third.

Amasa Smith and Olenas Tio Peppy were all smiles as they won the Youth 14-18 class over some very tough competition including second place finisher Krystal Saint James and Hollywood Ninetyeight and Halie Repka riding Blue Rane San Badger was third. Blair Childress and Great Shades Of Pine finished fourth.

Our Youth Rookie Class once again found Amasa Smith and Olenas Tio Peppy the winner with Halie Repka second aboard Blue Rane San Badger and Great Shades Of Pine carrying Blair Childress was third.

Jamie Hooper competed in the Short Stirrup Class for the first time in the show ring riding her sister's horse Great Shades Of Pine. She was so happy she was ready to do it all over again. It was hard to get that smile off of her face.

Craig Stonesifer and his late partner "Lil Ruf Renee" who passed away after this show, shared first place with Jackie Bates/Breezin Slam & Lisa Mathews/Mifter Clean all scoring a 70 competing against eighteen entries. Jimmy McHone and Ima Flashy Legend were second, with John Bates and Great Tori in for third.

Fifteen entries showed in the Rookie 2 class with Karin Hinzmann/Sportin A Badge, Lisa Mathews/Mifter Clean, Craig Stonesifer/Lil Ruf Renee all receiving a score of 70. Karin & Petunia put together an amazing run and won the Buckle. Congratulations!

Prime Time Rookie was good to Dr. James Meyer riding his Arabian MC Justa Promotion. Thomas Gantt on Colonel Digger Dunit was second, and Evelyn Burgy riding SWF Peppy De Oro was third.

Darlene O'Malley and Quick Chic Wolverton got it done in the Novice Horse Open with a perfect ride. Wendy Workman and Ray Gays Doll finished second. Novice Horse Open Level 2 was won by Patrice Hohl on Ed Galbraith's Mifmatics.

Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 found Russell Christian on his wife's mount Lenasfinestfootwork in first place, with Aaron Marx riding Royal Pepto Lena in for second and Craig Stonesifer/Lil Ruf Renee in third place, and this pair also won the Novice Horse Non Pro Level 2 Class.

Jesse Chase and Chic in the Money & Jessie Chase/ Skeets Mistake tied himself in the Open & Intermediate Open Class for owner Sandra Motsco & Catherine Herbert with a powerful 72 ½. Great Riding!

There was tie for first place in the Limited Open Class between Jessica Carroll and Wave Cutter and Patrice Hohl and Mifmatics.

Jessica Carroll/Wave Cutter and Tania Nantais/ Peppys Gonna Rein shared the win in the Rookie Professional Class.

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