

## State Fair Slide

The Meadows Event Park in Doswell, VA the new home of the Virginia State Fair and birthplace of Triple Crown Winner “Secretariat” was the place to be for the first annual “Virginia Reining Horse Association” (VRHA) State Fair Slide” held October 1- 2, 2009. The actual footing for the arena was the same footing Secretariat trained on prior to winning the Triple Crown. One hundred and twenty seven entries’ vied for money and their places in the final standings, with this being the last show of the season. And what a beautiful day it was with the sun shining, faces smiling and horses glistening.

Our kick off event was the Reining Clinic in Association with The Virginia Horse Industry Board organized by our Club Liaison Joy Blake for The Virginia Tech Western Riding Team which included a “Mock Show” at the conclusion.

Paid warm ups were offered and a Reining Demonstration for the public was held in the evening with a salute to our Military by our Director John Bates on horseback. Members of VRHA volunteered to demonstrate various maneuvers that are required to complete a NRHA Pattern. We also included a judge’s clinic for NRHA riders with NRHA Judge Todd Parker. Later on that evening we held a Slide Zone Competition with the longest slide winning which was a crowd pleaser. Jimmy McHone riding Ima Flashy Legend was the biggest slider in this event.

Each exhibitor at this show was given a ticket and at the conclusion of the show one ticket was drawn to win a CW Wiley Custom Saddle. The very excited winner was Cyndi Freeman of Williamsburg, VA. Congrats to her! We also raffled off a CW Wiley Custom Saddle and the lucky winner was Brenda Clarke, who donated the saddle back to VRHA to Raffle at our Annual Award Banquet. Thank you Brenda!

Julie Hefler and Monties Little Lena who has been a tough and consistent competitor all year won the Beginner Reiner Class and the Buckle. Lauren Crist and Got the Remedy got it done in the Green Reiner Class and took home her Buckle.

Our Youth 14 – 18 was won by Krystal Saint James and Hollywood Ninetyeight. Youth Rookie was won by Amasa Smith and Olenas Tio Peppy. Our newcomer Short Stirrup winner who is becoming highly competitive is Jamie Hooper riding her sister’s horse Great Shades Of Pine.

Our popular Rookie 1 Class the “Slide Zone Winner” Jimmy McHone riding Kristin Walker’s Ima A Flashy Legend was at the top over 16 tough competitors and taking home his Buckle. Rookie 2 winner was Karin Hinzmann on her tough little horse Sportin A Badge aka “Petunia” gathering yet another Buckle to add to her collection this year. Norma Shipley and Winders Vaquero won the Prime Time Rookie and the Buckle.

Novice Horse Open Level 1 found Jesse Chase riding Kelly Jo Hopkins Gettin ER Dun in for the win. Novice Horse Open Level 2, it was Jimmy McHone on Ima Flashy Legend riding to the top of this class.

Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1 winner was Johnny Crist and his homebred Lil Pic A Nic.

Jesse Chase prevailed in the Open Class placing first and second on Gettin ER Dun and LSS Shooters Badger respectfully. It was also the same order of finish for the Intermediate Open Class.

Lady De Whizard with trainer Tania Nantais for owner Judy Brooks took first place in the Limited Open. Tania also won the Rookie Professional on the same horse and the Buckle for this class.

Johnny Crist and Lil Pic A Nic also won the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro and Limited Non Pro classes.

James Scott and Sunday’s Pic A Nic won the Prime Time Non Pro Class.

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