

# Massachusetts Horsemen's Council 40<sup>th</sup> Edition of The Days of Champions!

Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> annual MHC Huntseat Equitation Medal Finals held October 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 and returning to the Three County Fairgrounds arena in Northampton, Ma welcomed Exhibitors for the Adult, Junior, and Mini Medal competitions.

**Thursday** was warmup day followed by an informative Q&A session and refreshments sponsored by **USHJA Zone One Committee** with "R" Judge and Course Designer, Patrick Rhodes and "R" Judge, Lyman T. Whitehead with Judges Susan Horn and John Roper sharing Judging duty. Show Chair Felicia Knowles and Show manager Tom Hern, along with Secretary Charlene Brown and Sandy Crowe put on a well-organized Finals again this year.



*Show Chair Felicia Knowles*

**Friday** dawned chilly and foggy for the Adults with 36 older and 41 younger



*CAROLYN C. LAVIN and Trainer Sarah Summers, 2021 MHC Adult Over 30 Medal Champion*

adults competing. Congratulations to **CAROLYN C. LAVIN** and her Trainer **Sarah Summers, 2021 Adult Over 30 Medal Champion** sponsored by Woodridge Farms, inc. Carolyn won her Open Eq, rode to the top of round one, and stayed on top to win!

**Reserve** was awarded to **SUE ANN RICHARDSON** who trains with **Denise Marks**.

The Adult 18-29 Medal sponsored by Back Bay Farm, followed with a tight ride off over the afternoon between **MARIEL A. SACCUCCI** and **ABIGAIL HOPKINS** trading 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the standings. **MARIEL A. SACCUCCI** who trains with **Ann Dotoli**, called back in second in the test rode beautifully to be placed on top as the **2021 Adult 18-29 Medal Champion**.

**Reserve Champion** went to **GRACE JACKSON** riding with **Kathryn Fletcher**, moving up from 4<sup>th</sup> in the callback.



*MARIEL A. SACCUCCI who trains with Ann Dotoli, 2021 Adult 18-29 MHC Medal Champion*

The **2021 Sportsmanship** award went to **Nicole Stamm** and the 2021 **Person of the Year** award was given to **Trainer Sarah Summers**. Following the day's competition, a much appreciated 'President's Party Dinner' catered by Spoleto's Restaurant and hosted by the DOC was served in the hospitality area of the indoor.

**Saturday** warmed up to a sunny day for Junior Medal Day sponsored by Corinthian Insurance of



*2021 MHC Horse of the Year to "Always Formal" their eye'.*

Medway MA, and the 69 riders. The **2021 Horse of the Year** award was given to the well-known "**Always Formal**" between rounds.

The course proved to be interesting and deceptively challenging with multiple single fences, bending lines, and roll back options demonstrating the rider's ability to 'ride off

A well-deserved congratulations to **ELEANOR PIETERS** and Trainer **Ann Dotoli**, **2021 MHC Junior Medal**



*ELEANOR PIETERS and Trainer Ann Dotoli, 2021 MHC Junior Medal Champion*

**Champion!** ELEANOR won her open eq and continued to ride superbly to keep the top spot all afternoon for the win.

In tight competition, **Reserve Junior Champion ANNA LEIGHTON** training with **Sheryl Mac Leod**, rode into second score at the end of the first round and stayed neck and neck with Eleanor.

**Sunday** morning brought Mini Medal Day, sponsored by Horse Works Insurance Specialist, with the addition of an Adult Mini Medal with 49 exhibitors competing for the Mini Medal and 18 for the Adult Mini Medal. First to go was the **2021 MHC DOC Mini Medal**, won this year by **MORGAN E. MCCARTHY** trained by **Amber J. Viera**. Morgan also won her Open Eq. 12-14, sitting in top spot at the halfway point in the Medal, moved down in the second round standings then rode a beautiful test on the flat to be awarded the 2021 MHC DOC Mini Medal Champion.



*2021 MHC DOC Mini Medal Champion, MORGAN E. MCCARTHY trained by Amber J. Viera*

**Reserve Champion** went to **KENNEDY B. TEASDALE** who trains with **Johanna C. Hyypa** riding onto second position through the afternoon.

Sunday afternoon closed with the MHC Adult Mini Medal sponsored by Sheila & Shirley Murphy and



*2021 MH DOC Adult Mini Medal Champion NANCY SOLOMON and Trainer Jennifer N. Cumming*

tightly contested down to the final test between Erica Monteith and Nancy Solomon. Training with **Jennifer N. Cumming**, **NANCY SOLOMON** won her open Eq. then holding the second high score to Erica through the halfway point, the second round call back, and the 4 to test, Nancy rode a smooth test on the flat to be awarded the **2021 MH DOC Adult Mini Medal Champion!**

Reserve Champion Adult Mini Medal went to **ERICA MONTEITH** who also trains with **Ann Dotoli**.

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