



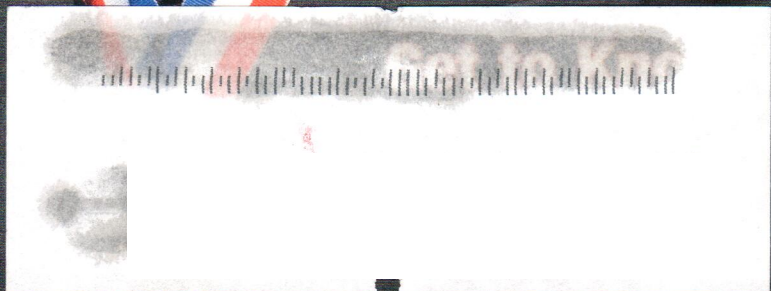
# IN STRIDE

The Official Magazine of the United States Hunter Jumper Association

Record Prize Money  
International Hunter Derby

## Pre-Green Domination: Hunt Tosh

### Horse Welfare Drives the Sport



### Stable Challenge Winners Announced

The United States Hunter Jumper Association debuted the 30-Day Horsemanship Stable Challenge this summer, and the competition was outstanding. In the inaugural year, there were 497 entries from 10 of the 12 zones that encompass the organization's membership.

Teams of at least three junior and/or amateur students (per trainer) signed up to take the online Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Practice Quiz from June 14 through July 15. At the end of the 30-day challenge, the three top scores under each trainer were averaged to provide an overall score, with the highest-scoring trainer in

each zone declared champion.

Arianna Harris, a 2012 Emerging Athletes Program participant, found an innovative means to motivate and educate her barnmates through the horsemanship lessons she brought back from EAP.

Harris organized a point system for the school kids at Donna Kriese's Wedgewood Farms, in Wauconda, Illinois, to earn "free rides" at the barn. They earned points through picking up rocks, cleaning water buckets, tack and other stable chores, as well as reading George Morris texts and taking the USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge. Thanks to Harris' idea, Kriese earned the top spot among trainers in Zone 5.

Trainer Elizabeth Evans, of Mischief Farm in Moorpark, California, won the award in Zone 10 and shared her thoughts about the program.

"My mother (who is also my trainer) has always instilled in me the importance of horsemanship," said Evans. "I believe that since your horse cannot speak, it's your responsibility to educate yourself so you can intelligently make decisions for him or her.

"Ever since hearing about the HQC, I was excited to participate and couldn't wait to tell other people," she continued. "I've been introducing more and more people to the HQC program since becoming an ambassador and cannot convey how many benefits it has to offer. I've had most of our students read the study guide to start them on a path of increasing their horsemanship."

Evans noted that winning the 30-Day Challenge is really exciting because she takes horsemanship very seriously. "It's great to be able to be recognized for it," she said. "The other winners of this challenge are the students! I wouldn't have been able to win if it wasn't for them and their knowledge of horsemanship. Thanks, USHJA and Horsemanship Quiz Challenge!"

The USHJA congratulates the fol-



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Trainer Elizabeth Evans, of Mischief Farm, right, won the 30-Day Horsemanship Stable Challenge for Zone 10. Evans also earned the team silver medal in the 2012 USHJA Horsemanship Quiz Challenge with Devyn Hinkle, pictured, and Mary Anastasi.

lowing trainers and their students for their participation and championship efforts:

- Zone 1** Kristen Redquest
- Zone 2** Jolene Hasseler
- Zone 3** Jennifer Fessler
- Zone 4** Christine French
- Zone 5** Donna Kriese
- Zone 7** Julie Pickering
- Zone 8** Laurie Mauderly-Bush
- Zone 9** Jennifer Koval
- Zone 10** Elizabeth Evans
- Zone 12** Beth Theisen

The goal of the 30-Day Stable Challenge was to provide firsthand experience in the Horsemanship Quiz Challenge program to trainers and help them to encourage students to participate in the program, presented by Sweet Briar College.

The USHJA thanks this year's sponsors and awards donors, including EquestrianCoach.com, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and Veterinary Pharmacy, Nutrena, Charles Owens and Sweet Briar College.

The Horsemanship Quiz Challenge educates and recognizes young equestrians who demonstrate exceptional horsemanship knowledge. The 2013 Horsemanship Quiz Challenge Finals will be held November 14-17 at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.

For additional information or to find out more about the HQC, please visit the USHJA website ([www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org)) or contact Carrie Vaught via email ([cvaught@ushja.org](mailto:cvaught@ushja.org)) or by phone at (859) 225-6703.

### News by the Numbers

(as of August 10)

**\$117,600**

Earned by 2013 USHJA Dash for Cash leader Christian Heineking

**\$1,011,456**

Earned by Kelley Farmer, USHJA Rider Lifetime Money Earned Hunter standings leader

**\$2,315,900**

Earned by Margie Engle, USHJA Rider Lifetime Money Earned Jumper standings leader

**\$8,200**

Earned by Johnnie Martin-Carey's Luck, leader in the National Hunter Derby standings

**\$15,375**

Earned by Peter Pletcher, leader in the National Hunter Derby standings