

Canadian Young Breeder's Competition

July 3rd to 6th, 2006 Olds, Alberta

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The first Canadian Warmblood Young Breeder's Competition was held July 3-6 in Olds, AB at the Olds Agricultural Society grounds and hosted by the Alberta Chapter of CWHBA. The program welcomed Canadian youth from all over Canada. In total, 20 young people (ages 14-24) came from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The young breeders first competed as mixed teams in a hotly contested horse bowl competition. The second day offered clinics in judging on the triangle, loose and in the free-jumping chute, presented by Cathy Chalack and Jennette Coote, as well in preparing the horse for inspection and showmanship procedures, presented by Cindy Orr. That evening, contestants took an exam testing their knowledge on breeding, horse health and bloodlines for the sport. The third day saw the competitors up early preparing the horses for showmanship, then showing them on the triangle. The competitors then judged horses on the triangle, for loose gaits and chute jumping ability. Senior judges for the CWHBA were Chris Gould, Cathy Chalack and Jennette Coote. They judged the horses and the young breeders scores were rated in compar-

ison with the judge's scores. The last day saw the participants transported to Calgary to view the North American Tournament at Spruce Meadows.

Scores were close, with our young breeders doing very well in both showmanship and all aspects of judging. A point spread of 84 points (out of 500) separated all the standings. Competitors were rewarded in the following categories (see chart):

Since 2003, the CWHBA has sent teams to compete in the World Young Breeders Competitions - hosted respectively in Minderhout, Belgium and Aarhus, Denmark. The Canadian competition is intended to run every 2 years, occurring in each 'off' year of the international competition. The goal is to give the Canadian youth an opportunity to learn more about the Young Breeder's program and prepare for the international competition.

Sr. Champion Lisa Poirier said she learned so much and had a lot of fun. Sr. competitor Cassandra Morrish was pleased that her scores are improving and felt her knowledge is continuing to expand, she also added that the food was great. Quebec participant Veronique Arsenault-Gunn was very pleased to be able to come. She felt that she learned a lot, had fun meeting other young breeders

from across Canada, and now can't wait to present her mare at an inspection in Quebec. Judge Chris Gould said the showmanship was excellent as a group and that any one of these youths could show mares for him.

Event organizers Maya Iverson, Joanne Wright, Heather Osterhout and Cindy Orr were very grateful to the horse owners that supplied horses for the clinic and competition, the many volunteers that gave their time

| Results | Rank | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Horse Bowl Team (Mixed) | Andrea Badea (Snr) (SK) Brittany Young (Snr) (MB) Lisa Poirier (Snr) (BC) Tabitha Hughes (Snr) (SK) | Yana Kratschat (Snr) (AB) Emilie Parent (Snr) (QC) Laura Iversen (Jnr) (AB) Lena Kratschat (Jnr) (AB) | Sabrina Gillespie (Jnr) (AB) Shauna Biddulph (Snr) (SK) |
| Best Horse - Junior Team | Allysa Olsen (Jnr) (AB) Lena Kratschat (Jnr) (AB) | Sabrina Gillespie (Jnr) (AB) | |
| Best Horse - Senior Team | Andrea Badea (Snr) (SK) Shauna Biddulph (Snr) (SK) Tabitha Hughes (Snr) (SK) | | |
| Junior Team | Allysa Olsen (Jnr) (AB) Lena Kratschat (Jnr) (AB) Sabrina Gillespie (Jnr) (AB) | Jocelyn Young (Jnr) (MB) Katie Fleming (Jnr) (ON) Marie-Frederick Gagnon (Jnr) (QC) Synfonie Duchesne (Jnr) (QC) | Laura Iversen (Jnr) (AB) Niki Brandrick (Jnr) (AB) Tyler Keuber (Jnr) (AB) |
| Senior Team | Chelsea Norris (Snr) (BC) Emilie Parent (Snr) (QC) Lisa Poirier (Snr) (BC) Veronique Arsenault-Gunn (Snr) (QC) | Brittany Young (Snr) (MB) Cassandra Morrish (Snr) (AB) Yana Kratschat (Snr) (AB) | Andrea Badea (Snr) (SK) Shauna Biddulph (Snr) (SK) Tabitha Hughes (Snr) (SK) |
| Overall Team | Allysa Olsen (Jnr) (AB) Lena Kratschat (Jnr) (AB) | Sabrina Gillespie (Jnr) (AB) | |
| Jnr Individual | Katie Fleming (Jnr) (ON) | | |
| Snr Individual | Lisa Poirier (Snr) (BC) | | |
| Overall Individual | Katie Fleming (Jnr) (ON) | | |

Volunteers & Sponsors

Event Organizers & Volunteers

- Lynn Brandrick
- Jennette Coote
- Cathy Chalak
- Connie Hahn
- Chris Gould
- Eric Iversen
- Maya Iversen
- Lars Iversen
- Noah Iversen
- Doreen Kulcsar
- Janine Olsen
- Cindy Orr
- Doreen Orr
- Heather Osterhout
- Joanne Wright

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Champion Junior Team: Allysa Olsen (AB), Lena Kratschat (AB), Sabrina Gillespie (AB)

and the sponsors of the event. The Canadian Breeders Incentive fund provided travel support to the out of province participants, Nutters of Olds provided nearly all of the food, and InnisLake Dairy sponsored pizza night. The Olds Agricultural Society sponsored the facility costs, and tents were from the Olds Explorers. Awards were sponsored by

BridleRidge and Tackaberry Farms, Klondike Victory Farms, Alberta Veterinary Services, the Alberta Invitational Warmblood Sale, the Tack Corral, Masterfeeds, and Smarts Trophy's and Ribbons. All competitors received T-Shirts, sponsored by COBAI Services Limited, and clipboards, sponsored by the CWHBA AB chapter. Also, Spruce Meadows supported the competitors during their trip to the North American tournament.

The CWHBA is dedicated to aiding Warmblood breeding in Canada by providing evaluation tools, pedigree information, and developing the future of the breeding industry through our youth. This has been the first event of this nature for Canada, one which participant Shauna Biddulph thinks we should do every year,



Champion Senior Team: Chelsea Norris (BC), Lisa Poirier (BC), Emilie Parent (QC), Veronique Arsenault-Gunn (QC)

and will be held again in 2008. Young Breeders clubs in every CWHBA chapter should be meeting and studying for the next one!

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, HORSE OWNERS AND SPONSORS!

We couldn't have done it without you!

