

KINGRIDGE EASTERN CANADAIN FREE JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Michael Boyd

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The fifth annual Eastern Canadian Free Jumping Championships were held on Sunday April 22, 2007. For this year's competition the venue was changed to the new Orangeville Fairgrounds in their Agriplex indoor arena.

The competition is organized by the Hanoverian Breeders Club of Eastern Canada and the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association who would like to thank KingRidge Stables for being the lead sponsor for this year's competition. Their support and help in putting on this event is very much appreciated. The clubs would also like to thank all our other sponsors and especially Rushmount Equine Sports Ltd. who provided all the standards and jump material.

We were very fortunate to have as our judges this year, the well known father/daughter team of Dave Ballard and Erynn Ballard and want to thank them as well for a job well done.

The three year olds are asked to jump to a maximum height of four feet with a three foot three inch spread and the four year olds a maximum height of four feet three inches. The horses are judged in three categories; gaits, technique and scope with a perfect score being 30. This year we had twenty-one entries in the competition, twelve three year olds and nine four year olds.

The winner of the three year old class with a score of 25.0 was the CWHBA registered gelding Commander II (Cattrick II/Cezaro). Commander II is owned and bred by Grande Farms owned by Crystal and Dale Hawerchuk.

Second place three year old was the Hanoverian gelding Espresso B (Earl/Ramiro's Bube) with a score of 22.5. Espresso is owned and bred by Michael Boyd. Third in the three year old class with a score of 22.0 was Caciux Clay (Cattrick II/For Pleasure), a CWHBA gelding also owned and bred by Crystal and Dale Hawerchuk.

The winner of the four year old class and Grand Champion was the CWHBA registered gelding WKM Nickers (Nickelson B/Prince's Laet) owned and bred by Tasha Eastman WKM Stables. His score was 25.5 with an 8.5 for technique, 8.5 for scope and 8.5 for gaits. Nickers grandsire is the well known KWPN jumper sire Concorde.



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Second place in the four year olds with a score of 25.4 was the CSHA registered mare Holiday 3E (Jamestown/Aerobic Z) owned and bred by KindgRidge Stables.

In third place in the four year old class with a score of 25.2 was the Hanoverian mare Accolade B (Acord II/Laptop) owned and bred by Michael Boyd. Accolade was second in the three year old class at the competition last year.