

2023 RMHA High



Point Awards



Third Place Youth 12-17 Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award

OLIVIA WARNER

2023
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE
ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Presented in part by: Rocky Mountain Horse Kentucky Breeders Association, Inc.

Second Place Stallions Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award

BLACK MARKET
DIAMOND OWNED
BY STEVE & SUSAN
HEUSLEIN

Fifth Place Youth Country Trail Pleasure Championship High Point Award

RUBY DEATLEY

Second Place Youth Country Trail Pleasure Championship High Point Award

OLIVIA WARNER

Fourth Place Youth 12-17 Country Trail Pleasure High Point Award

RUBY DEATLEY

First Place Geldings Show Pleasure High Point Award

DHS'S DIAMOND
BROKER OWNED BY
MELISSE SHARKEY

Second Place 3-Year Old Trail Pleasure High Point Award

SYDNEY'S LITTLE
HONEY OWNED BY
STEVE & SUSAN
HEUSLEIN

Third Place Mares Trail Pleasure High Point Award

CHICAGO BLUES
OWNED BY STEVE
& SUSAN HEUSLEIN

Second Place Geldings Show Pleasure High Point Award

HCR'S AFTER
MIDNIGHT OWNED BY
JULIE BROWN

First Place Youth 12-17 Show Pleasure High Point Award

RUBY DEATLEY

Versatility Horse Gold Award

JULIA TUCKER &
WR RIVER ON THE
ROCKS

Second Place Ladies Show Pleasure High Point Award

LEAH PALMQUIST & CHERYL ADKINS

First Place Youth Show Pleasure Championship High Point Award

RUBY DEATLEY

Versatility Horse Bronze Award

JULIE BROWN &
ELITE'S
HALLELUJAH

Youth Purple Achievement

JAYDEN SHEAN & CHASE LAMONTAGNE & RUBY DEATLEY

Youth 12-17 Excellence Award

OLIVIA WARNER

Youth Purple Achievement

SOPHIA SHEAN & OLIVIA WARNER & OLIVIA HALL



2023 RMHA High Point Awards, Continued





RMHA High Point Banquet

On March 2nd the RMHA held their High Point Awards Banquet at the Hilton Double-Tree in Lexington. It was a lovely venue for the event (take note of pictures on previous page). President Janet Peters and President elect, Jan Dunn along with the Lori Nelson, Office Manager, presented awards. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the RMHA programs this year. It was great that so many folks were able to attend.

The RMHA had one of it's two membership meetings before our meal. Janet praised accomplishments and presented information. The RMHA has been notified of over \$75,000 from the Race Horse Commission. KHBIF vouchers should be sent soon. There was also a drawing for the International Judges. The Board approved a waiver for this year only for a pilot program to try to provide a more diverse pool. There will be five judges for the International. For each exhibitor being judged, their top and bottom score will be dropped. The three remaining scores will be tabulated. Three judges will come from the RMHA judges' list and two others will come from other gaited breeds. That process is being developed. We really appreciate all the work the committee has gone to in order to expand

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the judges and enhance the judging pool.

After the meeting, our buffet meal was served. It was tasty and plentiful. Then we moved on to the awards. This year they were more diverse than ever. The Trail Mileage program has grown by leaps and bounds. In addition to small awards given for specific number of miles during the year, Mileage Awards were given to Certified Horse Top Mileage Rider and to the Uncertified Top Mileage Rider. In addition the Top Mileage Mare, Gelding, and Stallion were recognized. The Youth also had awards given. AERC ETS, and NATRC Awards were included. In addition, RMHA Versatility Program awards were presented for Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. Show Programs Awards were made for Country Trail, Trail, and Show Pleasure horses. Rider awards were given for Novice, Amateur, AOT, Youth, Western, and Trail Obstacle as well as Men's and Ladies classes. The Special High Point Awards were announced as were the Youth

Award of Excellence Awards. Both Olivia and Ruby made it to the top (Purple) level. In addition Olivia received the top 12 - 17 Youth of Excellence Award which was unknown before the banquet. Congratulations to all! We are so proud of everyone's accomplishments. Hats off to the office staff, Board, and volunteers who helped to make it all happen!

Visitors

There sure has been a lot going on lately. We were really excited to have Steve Heuslein come to the farm last week. He made it here on Thursday which was a fairly warm day. He got to



ride his horses, go to lunch with us, and just sit around and visit. We missed Susan but she was home caring for their animals in MN. There was the banquet and the RMHA Strategic Planning meetings over the weekend as well so Steve made good use of his time here. We also were able to visit with Ann, Melisse, and James since they were here for the banquet too. It makes us anxious for show season !

Vaccination Day



On March 8th, Dr. McVey, came to the farm and completed the vaccinations and

coggins tests for the horses. Ruby was able to get an excused absence through her Ag program. There was a lot to learn. Horses were given a 5-way plus West Nile and (intra-nasal) strangles (unless additional vaccinations were requested). Dr. McVey will be sending invoices directly to clients. Results will be emailed to the farm along with health certificates. I can forward those to clients too. Let us know if you have any questions.

Back in the Saddle

We are excited that Bob is back in the saddle again riding Duncan. He has been



released from Physical Therapy for now and is looking forward to doing some riding and hunting. We are very thankful for good results.

Prayers Please

Please remember the Chris Stacey Jr. family. Chris, Bob's cousin, passed away last week. It was Chris' 104 year old mother who passed away two weeks ago. It has been hard for them.