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A Red Carpet Affaire 34th RMHA International Celebrate Horses' Talent, Versatility and Beauty



On Tuesday, September 6th, Stoner Ridge Farm and crew moved horses to the Kentucky Horse Park for the 34th annual Rocky Mountain International Grand Championship Horse Show. We were sure thankful Charlie and his family were well. Sadly, Steve and Susan were recovering from Covid and were unable to come to the International this year. I think Steve has attended 15 or 16 straight Internationals since we met him many years ago. Boy, we sure missed them. It was,

however, great to get to see everyone who was able to make it to the 2022 show. Kirstin and Rogerio Santos came from Georgia to see Shadow and to enjoy their very first RMHA International. Kirstin was so excited! Melisse Sharley was there with bells on as was Ann Day. Their enthusiasm is absolutely contagious! Julie Brown was thrilled for the International to finally arrive. She had her lovely outfits all planned out. Julie Tucker was here and there and everywhere as she organized events as the ISC chair again this year. Leah Palmquist made it in time to show in a few classes. We have enjoyed this young lady showing with us this year. Barbara Hopper came to make her International debut with sweet little Mindy. Nancy Copland even made it to visit later in the week. Cynthia Shimfessel sent her cute yearling to show in conformation with Mary Kelley so she

and Jeff Lainhart were with us. Mary K. and Donnie Eades came to the International to enjoy the fun along with the rest of us.

We are so blessed with a such a wonderful barn family. I'm thankful we pull together and get it done. This year, Julie Tucker created a FB Messenger group for us ladies so we could coordinate food. As everyone knows, the KHP concession stand is expensive and limited on choices. The group made it so easy to plan. Lynngle brought country ham and turkey for sandwiches. Ann got Red State BBQ for everyone one day. Julie T. brought her famous hamburger casserole that sure hit the spot. Julie B. picked up yummy Jimmy John's subs and baked those cranberry bars that we all love. Melisse prepared her delicious crock pot beef, yummy chicken dip and chocolate cake. Kirstin brought a delicious caramel cake. The week would not have been complete without Mary K.'s wonderful cookies and brownies!

A Red Carpet Affaire Continued

Everything was just outstanding. We all get so hungry working and showing. It is great to have something filling to enjoy. Thank you so much ladies

Julie Tucker and Page McCarty moved their trailers into the KHP Campground on Monday evening. On Tuesday morning Charlie and crew got the final packing done and loaded horses. By noon, they were in line at the KHP, ready to unload. Move in day went well. Horses were well prepared and well behaved. Dever brought bedding to our stalls and the unpacking began. Everyone jumped in to get it all done very efficiently. Julie B., Melisse, and Ann were a great help getting decorations up. Melisse even did some great photo shopping of



us all on the red carpet. It was a hoot. She also created a recording of us on the red carpet. Melisse was the reporter making it sound like she was actually interviewing everyone for TV. It was great fun!

We'd been busy getting everything ready at the barn and by the time I got to the show office to pick up our pre-entry packets, there was a line. This year, for the first time, memberships and rider cards had to be confirmed there instead of at the RMHA office on the course. They were not requested as part of the pre-entry process. It really delayed everyone. I'm sure that will be revised for the future. Several of us were still in line and missed the



membership meeting. Gina Perdue presided as the new RMHA President. It appeared to be a short meeting held in the stands at the end of the arena. Finally, when entries were done, I watched horses warming up in the arena. They were great. McKayla, Cole, Mary Kelley and Page gave baths and we headed home to rest before the show on Wed.

There is nothing like early mornings at the Kentucky Horse Park - the sunrise, the mist rising from the valleys, the smell of hay and the sound of contented horses. It always brings me pause to just stop and listen. It didn't take long for that still moment to turn into a flurry of activity as Mary Kelley, Page, McKayla, and Cole got horses ready for their confor-

mation classes the next morning.

Our horses did a fantastic job. They were well behaved and measured up to the breed standards meeting all our expectations. We didn't always agree with the judges' decisions but we were so pleased with the horses. Black Market Diamond and WOF's Wind Commander both received reserve placements in their qualifying classes. Lacy and Sierra received 4th place ties while Chicago Blues and Red River Diamond were tied 5th. In the Conformation Championships, Black Market Diamond tied 3rd and Lacy 4th. They were awesome! Then we moved to the under saddle classes.



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We congratulated Sierra on her 1st place win in the 4-5 yo M/G CTP class, Angel in the 6-9 yo CTP class (with 15 entries), and WOF for his 2nd place tie with Ann in the Senior Rider CTP class. Several great horses were not tied which is always concerning. We began to wonder how the judges would do the remainder of the week. Judging is a hard job and while we don't always agree with the placings, we appreciate their work. This year's judges were Darrell McGuire, Susan Archambault, Jennifer Lambert, and Carol Camp who was the Trail Obstacle Judge/Steward.

On Thursday, we showed in 16 classes - It was a busy day! Chicago Blues tied 1st and 2nd in her 3 yo classes. Leah and

Ally got a 4th in their Novice CTP class. Broker got a 4th, Reo and WOF got 5th in their classes. One of the highlights of the day



was Melisse in the Ladies Show Pleasure class for the win! She was so happy and we were so excited for her. Another highlight was the costume class. Just WOW! These ladies were unbelievable in their detail and dramatic effects to



represent the rock group, Kiss. WOF even kept time to the music with his "head banging" representation. Thank you and congratulations on the win to Julie Brown, Leah Palmquist, Ann Day, and Melisse Sharkey! Next year's theme - The Queen Through the Ages. How cool! There was one other highlight of the day - the



Groom's Class. Oh my, what great fun. Page did an awesome job with Ally in the class and she



had a blast. Thanks to Julie B. for the use of Ally and thanks to

all who contributed to the "pot" that went to the winner. We had so much fun.

Friday morning the Trail Obstacle classes were held in the arena again. It was a challenging course! It was disappointing that 11 horses out of 20 were disqualified. Fortunately Black Market Diamond and Shadow both placed



2nd. Friday afternoon brought the youth classes. Kirstin

and Rogerio really en-

joyed watching Ruby and Shadow. Ruby's new western outfit

looked beautiful with Shadow.



They placed reserve in both the 12-17 Youth Western and the Youth Western Grand Championship. Charlie had a great Western ride winning on WOF and placing reserve in the Western Grand Championship. Leah placed 3rd in a tough Novice Trail class with Ember.

Friday evening Championships began at 6:00 p.m. Horses qualified if they had completed their preliminary classes. Congratulations to the Cham-



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pionship competitors. Hats off to Broker who won the Show Pleasure Gelding Championship! Sierra and Chicago Blues placed 2nd and Simon got a 5th place.

Saturday morning were versatility classes then Saturday afternoon brought the Grand Championships.



We were so excited for Julie Tucker to receive the Volunteer of the

Year Award! She truly has a serving heart. Congratulations Julie T. Charlie showed Black Market receiving a 4th place tie in the Conformation Grand Championship class. It was so exciting for WOF's Wind Commander to receive the Rea Swan Versatility Award. It is one that we feel really highlights the talent

of the horse and all he can do. Likewise, for Black Market Diamond to win the Sam Tuttle is such an honor! While we didn't place as high as we would have liked in the Grand Championships, it was great to have earned our way there and that we were able to compete. The best of the best was there giving it their all. We are thankful for these horses and what they gave us during the week. We really have to hand it to McKayla, Mary Kelley, Cole, and Page for keeping the horses looking great, well watered and fed. They are an awesome pit crew. We also have to thank our clients for their generosity in sponsorship of the show as well as the support that is always given. What a fellowship we have. Thank you for all you do! It was a good show for us. The fellowship was awesome. We are truly blessed!



What's Happening?

After a relaxing week or so, Charlie has been planning for the fall and winter here at SRF. He is still riding a few horses but most of the show horses have been turned out for some R&R. He's expecting several new horses to start soon. October 1st Charlie will begin training for Sydney's Little Honey and Blue Mountain Girl. These two and half year old fillies belong to Steve and Susan. We are excited to see what they will be like under saddle—both are beautiful. Ann Day brought her mare, Ginger, to be kept at SRF on board for the winter. Melissa Walters brought Dexter on Friday of last week for Charlie to start.

Central KY Riding for Hope Visits SRF

On the Friday that Melissa brought Dexter, she invited some of her Central KY Riding for Hope friends to come by for an introduction to gaited horses. Those of us who are familiar with the Rocky Mountain Horse know that they are perfect as therapy animals. Bob did a brief introduction to Liberty work using Ruby's horse, Shadow. It is amazing to watch how useful Liberty skills can be for your horse. Then Charlie used Stormy to demonstrate the gait and versatility. Several ladies rode. Sierra also helped show a different type of Rocky. It was a great opportunity to share.



RMHA International 2022 Results

Black Market Diamond

5-9 yo Stallion Conf, - 2nd
5+ Open Conf Champ. - 3rd
Conf Grand Champ. - 4th
4-5 yo S. Trail - 5th
Adult Trail Obstacle - 2nd
Sam Tuttle Memorial
Award

Chicago Blues

3-4 yo M/G Conf. - 5th -
MK
3 yo F/G CTP - 2nd
3 yo F/G Trail - 1st
3 yo Trail Champ - 2nd
PBF's Simon Barjonah
Stallions Show Pleas.
Champ. 5th

Sundown Sierra

3-4 yo M/G Conf. - 4th
4-5 yo M/G CTP - 1st
3-5 yo Open Western - 2nd
Mares CTP Champ - 2nd

Red River Diamond

3-4 yo Stallions Conf - 5th
Men's Show Pleas. - 5th

DMH Bella Angel

6-9 yo M/G CTP - 2nd
Ladies CTP - 5th - MK

Pacific Sundown

Trail Obstacle - 2nd
Youth Western - 2nd
Western Gr. Ch - 2nd
Youth Equitation - 4th
Showmanship - 4th
Youth Water Glass - 3rd

Elite's Hallelujah

Novice CTP - Leah - 4th
DHS Diamond Broker
6-9 yo M/G Show - 2nd
6-9 yo Am. Show - 4th
Ladies Show Pleas. - 1st
- Melisse

Costume Class - 1st

Show Pleasure Gr.

Champ - 5th

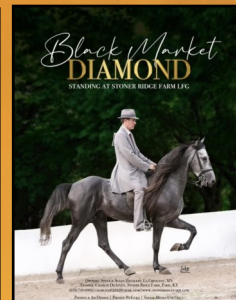
WOF's Wind

Commander

10+ M/G Conf - 2nd
10+ M,G,S Trail - 5th
Senior Rider - 2nd - Ann
Costume Class - 1st
6+ Open Western - 1st
Western Gr. Ch. - 2nd
Geldings Trail - 5th
Adult Water Glass - 3rd
Pole Bending - 4th
Rea Swan Versatility
Award

Even though Marietta showed all
summer, she was sick and unable to
show at the International.

We really missed her and
We hope she's
100% soon.



Snapshots