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Heroes and Horses 33rd RMHA International Celebrate Horses & Health Care Workers



On Tuesday, September 7th, Stoner Ridge Farm and crew moved horses to the Kentucky Horse Park for the 33rd annual Rocky Mountain International Grand Championship Horse Show. It sure felt strange to be going without Charlie! As most of you know, Charlie, Ruby and Erin all came down with Covid before the International. Erin began feeling ill on Saturday before

the Pink Show. Charlie and Ruby decided to not attend that show in order to be as careful as possible. When their test came back positive, we realized a new plan would be necessary for the International.

Charlie began to check with clients to decide what to do going forward. Everyone was so kind and thoughtful in regards to Charlie and his family's health. They assured him that if it was necessary, their horses could stay home. Horses, however, were already well prepared for the competition. Fortunately, Charlie was able to get Bob, Mary Kelley and McKayla to carry on even when he was unable to come to the farm. Since Ruby was sick herself and unable to ride, they decided it would be best for Shadow to remain at home instead of showing this time. We so appreciate everyone's prayers and thoughtfulness while Charlie and his family were so sick. It means so

much to all of us that folks were praying for them. We are thankful that everyone is recovered and that they appear to have not suffered any lasting health issues due to covid.

So many people sure stepped in and stepped up to help during this year's International. Robert, Julie Tucker, Mary Kelley, and Donnie Eades helped haul horses to the KHP. This year, we were on the arena side of barn 7. It was a great location but the sun made the open area warm in the afternoon. Donnie and Mary K. Eades helped build a fabric "wall" to help Simon and Jim have a little shade and privacy. It looked great and



we sure appreciate their help!

Robert, Mary Kelley and McKayla helped everyone ride Tuesday while become the traditional time

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While the RMHA membership meeting was going on, Cole was also on hand to help saddle, bridle and get the horses sprayed off. We were so proud of how everyone worked together to get prepared. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes. I can't even begin to describe how hard everyone worked and how everything came together. There was so much respect and camaraderie. Even though he wasn't there, Charlie gave direction and assistance over the phone to keep everything moving along.

It was great to get to see everyone who made it to the show. Steve made it in from MN. Unfortunately, Susan wasn't able to join him this time because their horse, Nugget, suffered a painful abscess, and she had to stay home to care of

him. We sure missed her! It was good to get to have Justin Sharkey join us. He didn't think he'd be able to come due to soccer, but his games were canceled. Melisse was there with bells on as was Ann Day. Ann had just returned from an extended trip out west. We are so glad she made it back in time to join us. Julie B. was thrilled for the International to finally arrive. Julie Tucker was here and there and everywhere as she organized events as the ISC chair and got ready to show herself. Nancy Copland even made a visit later in the week.

We wrapped up Tuesday with hopes for a successful show.

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. Such was the case on Wednesday before the con-



formation classes began. It didn't take long for that still moment to turn into a flurry of activity as horses were readied for their classes. Bob and Mary Kelley got dressed and then the announcer called for class number one (two, three, and four) to come to DQP.

Bob showed Blue Mountain Girl in a strong class of yearling fillies/geldings and placed 3rd. She did a lovely job! Sierra and Black Market Diamond won their preliminary classes and WOF placed 4th with Mary Kelley. In the Conformation Championships, Black Market Diamond went on to win and Sierra placed 4th - both qualifying for the Grand Championship Conformation Class to be held Saturday night!



The under saddle classes began in the afternoon. Steve and Marietta placed 4th in the Senior Rider class. Julie B. placed 3rd and Julie T. placed 5th with their sweet mares in the Amateur CTP class. Thursday was a day full of under saddle classes. Mary Kelley did an outstanding job with Rocky Creeks Little Lady (Lilly) who belongs to Jo Ann Greene. They placed reserve in the 3 yo



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McKayla did a wonderful job with Sierra placing 3rd. Melissa won her Novice Show Pleasure class with Broker! Woo Hoo ladies!



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Justin's first class was also that afternoon and he placed 5th. They did a great job. Our final class of the afternoon was the Costume Class. Melisse and Ann did an outstanding job. Their theme was the Wizard of Oz. It was so cool! Melissa recruited Shelby, Alan Cantrel's grand daughter to be Dorothy, Justin was the Tin Man, Broker was the Cowardly Lion, Melisse was Glenda (the Good Witch), Julie B. was the Scare Crow, and Ann was



the Wicked Witch. They

were amazing! I don't know how Julie ever got all the hay out of her shirt - and Broker, what a good sport putting up with all the costuming. It was so fun!!! They were the hands down winners! One comment from Ann—after being Shrek last year and the Wicked Witch this year, she says she isn't going to be green next year! Can't wait to see what they have planned next.

Friday was such a busy, exciting day. Bob showed several young horses in Trail Obstacle. After lunch there were western and youth classes. Julie B. and Tana Wells showed Axel in the Mentor & Me Show Pleasure class placing reserve. It was something they had wanted to do for some time. Charlie and Ruby were able to come to the show for awhile. Ruby had hoped to be able to show but a migraine made it impossible.

Friday evening Championships began at 6:00 p.m. Horses qualified if they had completed their prelimi-



nary classes. Congratulations to the Championship winners: McKayla and Sierra winning the 3 yo CTP, Mary Kelley placed 4th with Lilly in the CTP 3 yo and 5th with her in the 3 yo Trail Championship. McKayla and Marietta placed 3rd in the Trail Pleasure Mares, Axel placed 5th with Mary Kelley in the Show Pleasure Geldings, and WOF placed 5th in Geldings Trail. Charlie was able to come and show Black Market Diamond and Simon in the Championship. They looked good and performed well. The horses and riders did such a great job.

Saturday morning began with versatility classes. We really missed Ruby riding in the Water Glass Class. It is one of her favorites. Most of all, though, we



were thankful that the DeAtley family was on their way back to feeling better.

Saturday afternoon brought the Grand Championships. Healthcare workers were recognized. Ellen Knapp, gave the president's speech, Lead Line was completed and the Championships began. Bob showed Black Market receiving a 3rd place tie in the Conformation Grand Championship and Mary Kelley showed Sierra placing 4th! That is outstanding in such tough competition and with all aged horses. They are



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only 4 and 3 respectively.

We were really proud of the



way all the horses worked at the show. They were well pre-

pared and exhibited very well by the SRF crew!

We really have to hand it to McKayla, Mary Kelley, and Cole for keeping the horses looking great, well watered and fed. They make a great pit crew. We also have to thank our clients for their generosity in



the sponsorship of the show as well as the support they always give.

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!

RMHA International 2021 Results



DMH's Bella Angel
3-5 YO Amateur CTP - 5th - Julie T.

Amateur CTP Grand Championship - 5th - Julie T.

HCR's After Midnight
Mentor & Me Show Pleasure - 2nd - Julie B. & Tana
Geldings Show Pleasure Champ. - 5th - Mary Kelley

WOF's Wind Commander
10+ YO M/G Conformation - 4th - Mary Kelley
10+ Geldings Trail Championship - 5th

Black Market Diamond
3-4 YO Stallions Conformation - 1st - Robert
3-4 YO Conformation Champ. - 1st
3+ YO Conformation Grand Champ. - 3rd

Blue Mountain Girl
Yearling Fillies/Geldings - 3rd - Robert

RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta
6-9 YO M/G Trail - 5 - McKayla
Senior Rider - 4th - Steve
Men's Trail - 6th - Steve
Mares Trail Championship - 3rd - McKayla
Trail Pleasure Grand Champ - 4th - McKayla

Silver's Jazz Master
3-4 YO Conformation - 6th - Mary Kelley

Sundown Sierra
3-4 YO Conformation - 1st - Robert
3-4 YO Conformation Champ. - 4th - Mary Kelley
3 YO Fillies/Geldings CTP - 3rd - McKayla
3-5 YO Western - 3rd - Robert
3 YO CTP Championship - 1st - McKayla

The Rocky Mountain Horse Association had a strong presence at Equitana USA Oct. 1-3. The breed was well represented by Heart in Motion and Little More Action with Dolly Pierson, RNB's Choco Dock's Marietta with Charlie DeAtley, and Pepper's Just Plain Pretty with Ruby DeAtley. The horses and riders performed in the Bullseye Arena demonstrating all three ways of going plus the canter as well as western and English disciplines. Dolly even got in a little Cowboy Mounted Shooting. In addition to the two performances, there was a booth where information was distributed and a stall to show off our wonderful Rockies. Thanks to Julie Tucker for taking on responsibility for getting everything together for this event. Lyngle and Mary K assisted throughout the event as well.

What's Happening?

After a relaxed day or two, 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 relaxation. He's expecting several new horses to start soon. On Monday, he got Kemo Sabe and Chicago Blues up to begin their training. Ruby and Charlie actually worked with "Mo" last summer. He is sure one that is "in your pocket". He is curious and will be so much fun. These two belong to Steve and Susan. We can't wait to see what all they will become.

Snapshots



NMHA and Lewisburg

Julie and Mary Kelley decided they weren't quite finished showing after the International. Mary Kelley took Ember and placed with Ember at NWHA show in Harrodsburg. Then Julie took Angel and won both qualifying classes and the CTP championship as well. Congratulations ladies!!!



Beyond Blessed By Charlie DeAtley

The summer of 2021 has been interesting to say the least. We moved to our new home in June, which we all three love. We continued to keep horses worked and attended shows throughout the move and the rest of the summer. Then as the most anticipated show of the year approached, my family and I were hit with Covid. Thankfully, we seem to have fully recovered. Unfortunately, I had to miss the Rocky Mountain International for the first time in 20 years and Ruby had to skip showing in it for the first time ever. I was glad to have the live stream available from the show so I could keep up with the show from home. I was able to make a couple of appearances toward the end of the show and saw first-hand what a great job Mary Kelley, Bob and the team were doing for SRF. Thank you will never be good enough to express the gratitude my family has for the clients and crew at SRF and for the helpful, loving parents that Erin and I have. Even though our horse didn't

always place as we had hoped, I'm still calling International 2021 a WIN for SRF. I received numerous calls and messages telling me what a great job Mary Kelley and crew were doing. I also received so much love and understanding from my clients during that time, it's unbelievable. All of this combined is better than any trophy or blue ribbon I have ever won. I won't try to name everyone that helped out because I will surely miss someone, but they know who they are.

Thank you all so much from the DeAtley family. We are beyond blessed!



