

2017 Show Series Wrap-Up

WRAP PARTY AND AWARDS BANQUET

The 2017 Tailwind Equestrian Show Series Wrap Party and Awards dinner was a great success. Attendance was high even after having to reschedule due to an unexpected winter storm. I would like to thank everyone for being so accommodating with the date change.

The venue, Rocky Mountain Turf Club and their staff did a wonderful job. We look forward to future events being held there.

The event was a fantastic way to wrap up another successful show series and celebrate another season of hard work and accomplishment by everyone involved. Many thanks to all who participated in the 2017 Tailwind Equestrian Show Series, riders, parents, and volunteers.

A MESSAGE FROM DONNA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for your support during the 2017 Tailwind Equestrian Horse Show Series, and for coming to the Series Wrap Party and Awards Dinner.

As the head coach and trainer as well as owner of Tailwind Equestrian I am dedicated to the promotion of English Equine Sport in Southern Alberta. I hope by providing grass roots horse shows, Tailwind Equestrian is helping to build and support the sport of Show Jumping in Southern Alberta.

By your participation in the Tailwind Equestrian Horse Show Series you have become an integral part in the advancement of our sport in this region.

I am excited to see what the future holds for us and thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Sincerely,

Donna Ferguson



Rocky Mountain Turf Club proved to be a wonderful facility for the event.

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A Very Special Thank You To Josh and Nettie Entz
For being such amazing facility owners and for supporting The Tailwind Equestrian Horse Show Series

Fund Raiser T-Shirt Sale

Buy your Keep Calm and Kick On T-Shirt to help raise money for new jump fill for the 2018 Tailwind Equestrian Show Series.

\$25 each

Order by email

Tailwindequestrian@gmail.com



2017 TAILWIND HONORABLE MENTIONS

We have had the pleasure of having some fantastic judges for the series. Thank you to the following people for judging and supporting The 2017 Tailwind Equestrian Series;

- Rita Condon
- Sarah Compton
- Lisa Denyer

Also thank you to our show EMT Dannielle Sereda and our show photographer Kaily Scott

2017 SPONSORS

This year Tailwind Equestrian would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors for providing prize money, door prizes and Champion and Reserve Champion prizes;

- GREENHAWK CALGARY
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- ROBIN WATSON
- TRACE EMBROIDERY

Please contact Donna Ferguson to discuss future sponsorship opportunities.

2017 TAILWIND EQUESTRIAN SPECIAL AWARDS

MOST LOYAL COACH

ROXY WRIGHT

Roxy has been in attendance or has sent riders from her barn to more Tailwind Equestrian Horse Shows than any other coach. Thank you Roxy for your support from the very beginning



The following awards were presented based on ballots cast by everyone present on the evening of the Banquet.



Best Horse Show Support Crew

- ♦ Jane Van Asch

Good Sportsmanship Award

- ♦ Madeline Schmaltz

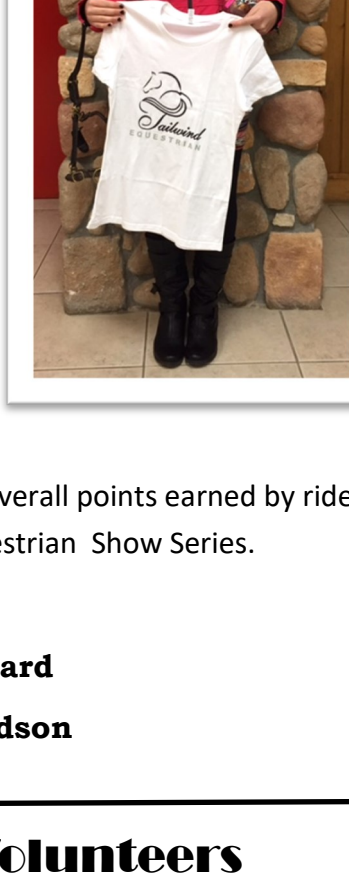
Most Improved Rider

- ♦ Jessica Jackson

The Horsemanship Award recipient was selected based on horsemanship displayed throughout the 2017 Series.

Horsemanship Award

- ♦ Olivia Olivieri



The Top Trainer Award was determined by overall points earned by riders throughout the 2017 Tailwind Equestrian Show Series.

Top Trainer Award

- ♦ Amber Davidson

Our Amazing Volunteers

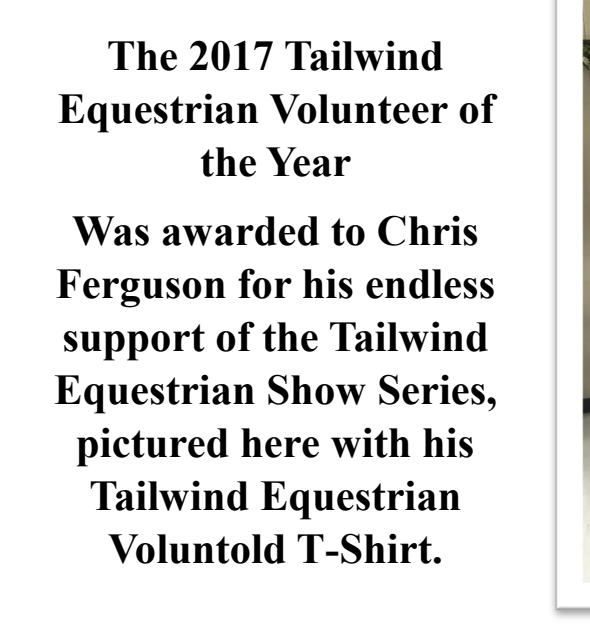
Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless.

- * JOLINDA BOTHA
- * EVELYN FERGUSON
- * CHRIS FERGUSON
- * FABIENNE MORTON
- * CHRIS PICKEN
- * BROOKE FLORENDINE
- * JANE VAN ASCH
- * NADIA VAN ASCH
- * LEAH MURPHY
- * LINDA RICHARDS
- * ABBY SCHEURKOGEL
- * LOGAN MC COMBE
- * BERDINA KLOP
- * THE OLIVIERI FAMILY
- * JOSH ENTZ

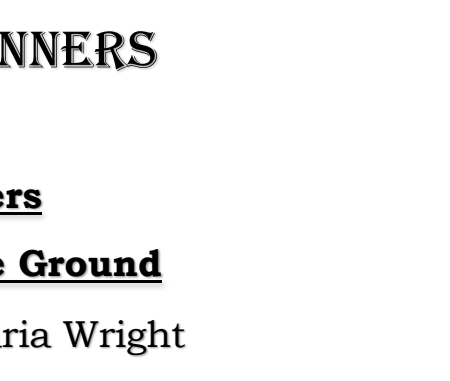


Thank you to everyone who helped out during the 2017 Tailwind Series. Anyone who lifted a pole or a pitch fork, handed out ribbons or brought me a coffee is greatly appreciated.

There are a group of volunteers who have been the backbone of the Tailwind Equestrian Horse Show Series. They arrive early and stay late, pitch in where ever needed, help at multiple shows through the season, as well as working on behind the scenes work between shows. They are sometimes not even involved in the shows themselves as a competitor or family member of a competitor. Some of these people volunteered since my very first horse show and every one since. I would like to take this opportunity to thank these hard working supporters of the Tailwind Equestrian Horse Show Series. Pictured above wearing their Tailwind Equestrian volunteer vests sponsored by Trace Embroidery.



The 2017 Tailwind Equestrian Volunteer of the Year
Was awarded to Chris Ferguson for his endless support of the Tailwind Equestrian Show Series, pictured here with his Tailwind Equestrian Voluntold T-Shirt.



2017 TAILWIND EQUESTRIAN SERIES AWARD WINNERS

Hunters

Poles on the Ground

Champion-Maria Wright

Reserve Champion-Nina Dourte

Reserve Champion-Lynnae Lowe

Charolotte Dourte

Nadia Van Asch

Samantha Jackson

Jessica Jackson

X-Rail Hunter

Champion-Katie Garber on Hailiegh's Bandit

Reserve Champion-Maria Wright on Ginger Snap

2' Hunter

Champion-Regan O'Sullivan on Little Lu Luigi

Reserve Champion-Josephine Huberdeau on Tequila Sunrise

2'3"Hunter

Champion-Taylor Ensign on Pay to Play

Reserve Champion-Sarah Johnson on Rising Sun Quincey

2'3" Equitation Challenge

Champion-Taylor Ensign

Reserve Champion- Sarah Johnson

2'6" Hunter

Champion-Evelyn Ferguson on Leonardo

Reserve Champion-Morgan Maxwell on Titan

2'9" Hunter

Champion-Tara Schafer on Kiptyn

Reserve Champion-Kayla Sails on Renaissance Man

2'9" Equitation Challenge

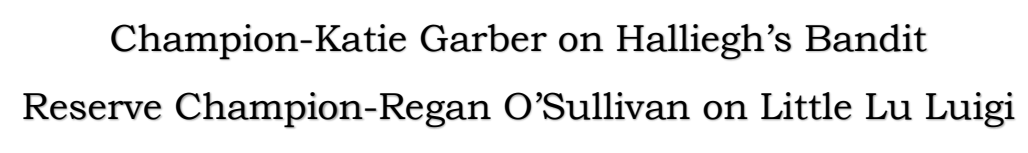
Champion-Jolinda Botha

Reserve Champion-Jayla May

3' Hunter

Champion-Jolinda Botha on Divinity Hill

Reserve Champion-Evelyn Ferguson on Zurich



2017 Tailwind Equestrian Hunter Award Winners

Jumpers

0.5m Jumper

Champion-Katie Garber on Halliegh's Bandit

Reserve Champion-Regan O'Sullivan on Little Lu Luigi

0.65m Jumpers

Champion -Sarah Johnson on Rising Sun Quincey

Reserve Champion-Victoria Hein on Mojo

0.75m Jumper

Champion-Sarah Johnson on Rising Sun Quincey

Reserve Champion-Madeline Schmaltz on Benjamin More

0.85m Jumper

Champion-Evelyn Ferguson on Leonardo

Reserve Champion-Bethany Clark on Grace

0.90m Jumper

Champion-Evelyn Ferguson on Zurich

Reserve Champion-Jayla May on Lola Z

0.9m Equitation Challenge

Champion-Jolinda Botha

Reserve Champion-Evelyn Ferguson

1.0m Jumper

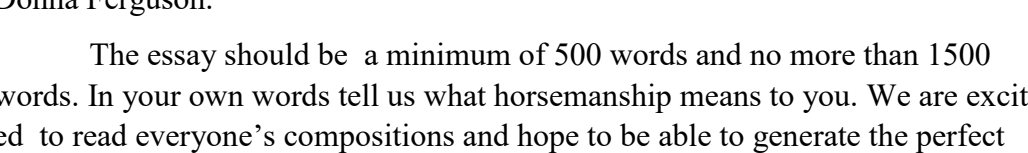
Champion-Evelyn Ferguson on Appeldorne

Reserve Champion-Jolinda Botha on Simply Irresistible

1.10m Jumper

Champion-Jolinda Botha on Divinity Hill

Reserve Champion-Madison Droske on Jetsetter



2017 Tailwind Equestrian Jumper Award Winners

Announcing the Tailwind Equestrian Essay Contest

"What Horsemanship Means to Me"

Horsemanship is a passion of mine. Unfortunately, myself and others in the industry see it as a dying art. It is my hope that through this contest, the spark of horsemanship will be reignited by considering and putting down on paper **"What Horsemanship Means to Me"**.

This contest is open to anyone who has participated in the Tailwind Equestrian Show Series in the past. The essays will be judged by the 2017 Series Judges, Rita Condon, Sara Compton, and Lisa Deyner, with ties decide by myself, Donna Ferguson.

The essay should be a minimum of 500 words and no more than 1500 words. In your own words tell us what horsemanship means to you. We are excited to read everyone's compositions and hope to be able to generate the perfect definition of Horsemanship to use for the 2018 Tailwind Equestrian Horsemanship Award.

By entering the contest you are giving Tailwind Equestrian permission to reproduce and use your essay or portions of it in future publications. Entry forms will be available at www.tailwindequestrian.com, or request yours by email, tailwindequestrian@gmail.com or via the Tailwind Equestrian Facebook page. Entries for The Tailwind Equestrian Essay Contest are open now. Essays must be submitted to Tailwind Equestrian by January 1st 2018 to be eligible.

The prize for the winning essay includes a Complimentary 2 Day Stall at a 2018 Rocky Mountain Show Jumping Winter Training Series Show (see rmsj.ca for dates), Free entries to the Tailwind Equestrian Winter Warm-Up Show, including stabling, and a horsemanship gift basket sponsored by Tailwind Equestrian.

2018 Tailwind Equestrian Horse Show Dates

- ♦ Winter Warm-Up Jan 20
 - ♦ Winter Wrap-Up March 3/4
 - ♦ Spring Fling-April-28/29
 - ♦ School's (Almost) Out-June 9/10
 - ♦ Coulee Classic-July 28/29
 - ♦ Series Finale-October 6-7
- * Please note that these dates are subject to change due to the nature of the show jumping industry in Alberta. I have done my best to select dates that will suit the calendar of competitions in our area.
- * Like the Tailwind Equestrian Facebook Page and check out our website for up to the minute details.
- * Keep an eye on your email for Tailwind Equestrian mail outs including prize lists and entry forms.

Photo Gallery

