

2016 Young Prospect Program Report

Well, we did it!

The first AHTA Young Prospect Program has come and gone. I feel like the worst part is over as far as putting everything together in an outline to flesh out for the future.

We had an excellent weekend with Barb Crabo and Dr. Karen Nyrop along with a group of very keen and interested riders, trainers, breeders, owners and future evaluators on the Sunday. Everyone was super patient in knowing that this is year was really a “work in progress” and the support was amazing.



Barb Crabo looks on as Becky Staden and 5 year old prospect Belleza negotiate the water in the cross country clinic portion of the program.



Barb Crabo (L) & Dr. Karen Nyrop

Our clinician Barb Crabo has expressed to me what a great time she had up here, and that she would be happy to come back in the future, so I guess we were a good group to work with! Well done everyone!

I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Karen Nyrop, who is our transplanted Arizonian veterinarian, fellow event rider and all round wonderful asset to the sport of eventing in our province. She was with us all weekend and shared her wealth of knowledge along with Barb.

We had some great discussions on where we would like to see this program go and how we can develop it to be the most useful here in Alberta, and western Canada. There were a lot of good ideas and experiences shared, and our “pink paper” has some very good recommendations on it for next year. We are putting together a group of people that would like to be on a committee for next year, and in the future, to help continue to develop this program. I already have a list of names and email addresses, but if there is anyone else out there that would like to jump on in, please email me at riversideequestrainrd@gmail.com and we will put you to work😊



Samantha Pritchard riding 4 year old prospect HS Hungarian Yamka receives some dressage feedback from Barb Crabo.



Tricia Dahms and her homebred 3 year old prospect Annie Oakley participating in the in hand preparation and showing portion of the clinic.

I would also like to thank our sponsors again as without the support of them this would not have even left the board room table:

The Canadian Sport Horse Association for sponsoring the venue.

For sponsoring the evaluation on Sunday: The Thomas family and Strong Pine Farms Ltd.

For sponsoring the clinic on Saturday with Barb Crabo: Moore Equine North, Kal Tire-Red Deer, Wetaskiwin Coop-Country Junction Feeds, D&R Veterinary Services (Bell Veterinary Services), and Mountain View Feeds & Victory Tack for helping out with some of the prizes!

And last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to Ulrika at Alhambra Stables for hosting us all weekend!



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The Alberta Horse Trials Association would like to congratulate the winners of the Young Prospects Program held at Alhambra Stables on July 31, 2016.



Two Year Old Champion: T.W. Air Heart
Canadian Warmblood filly by Hero's Tribute (TB by Sea Hero) out of Vienna (Indoctro). Bred and owned by Two Willows Equine and presented by Jennifer Smart.



Three Year Old Champion: Annie Oakley
Canadian Warmblood filly by Gatsby (Gonzo I) out of Jo Leather (TB by Distinctive Cat). Bred, owned and presented by Tricia Dahms.



Four Year Old Champion: Kerry On
Thoroughbred mare by Stormin' Fever (Storm Cat) out of Flom's Tizzy (Cees Tizzy). Owned and presented by Katherine Morel.



Five Year Old Champion: Devereau
Connemara gelding by Bantry Bay Dillon out of Kestral 1st. Owned and presented by Nikki Spalding.



New Prospects (6/7 Year Old) Champion: Vesta
Thoroughbred mare by Gilded Time (Timeless Moment) out of Wildly Ruth (Pole Position). Owned by Anne-Marie Chapman and presented by Samantha Pritchard.



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