

SAN FERNANDO HUNTER JUMPER ASSOCIATION 2009 MEDAL FINALS

Competitors vied for 5 San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association Medal Finals, at the Camelot Classic, Oct. 8-11, 2009, at the Earl Warren Show Grounds in Santa Barbara.

Kira Zelman riding Orlando & trained by Elvenstar, nailed her work-off in the SFHJA 12 & Under Medal Finals and won the title, a SFHJA sponsored keeper trophy, the championship cooler, sponsored by DaMoors Feed & Tack, and her name engraved on the original bronze perpetual trophy created by Raizy Goffman. Makala Lutz, trained by Michelle Pacyna put in a solid work-off performance to nab the Reserve Championship. Her ride garnered a cooler from Damoors and a leather halter sponsored by Jedlicka's Saddlery of Santa Barbara.

San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association 12 & Under Medal Finals

PLACING	RIDER	TRAINER
Ch.	Kira Zelman	Elvenstar
Res.	Makala Lutz	Michelle Pacyna
3rd	Rachel Mair	Stephanie Haney
4th	Bella Hadid	Rebecca Bruce
5th	Sabrina Watson	Jeni Brown
6th	Elizabeth McGillivray	Corrine Bevis
7th	Hadley Boyd	Corine Bevis
8th	Pilar Flournoy	Far West
9th	Tessa DeJong	Angel Pitton
10th	Brittany Katal	Erika Henaghen

Kali Jelen, of Valencia, trained by Julie Van Loo, captured the SFHJA 13 & Over Medal Finals. Riding Crown Royale, Kali answered all of the questions put to her by course designer, Mike Neilsen, and was so excited to see the course after her trainer Julie Van Loo had schooled her over a past Maclay course set at 2'6" at home. "It was so much fun to ride!" Alanna Bloomberg's student Rose D'Anthes of Santa Barbara rode Touch Of Luck to the Reserve Championship honors for the 2nd year in a row.

San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association 13 & Over Medal Finals

PLACING	RIDER	TRAINER
Ch.	Kali Jelen	Julie Van Loo
Res.	Rose D'Anthes	Alanna Bloomberg
3rd	Jane Kang	Julie Van Loo
4th	Lauren Ender	Angel Pitton
5th	Jessica Gooding	Michelle Pacyna
6th	Karen Schemm	Michelle Pacyna
7th	Julie Price	Michelle Pacyna

Deni Hird, narrowly won the SFHJA 17 & Under Medal Finals besting Lacey Early who ended up Reserve Champion as she did in 2008. Both riders train with Stephanie Haney and Chad Mahaffy in Chatsworth, California. The 17 & Under and 18 & Over Finals were judged by Jimmy Lee of Keswick, VA and Carlton Brooks of Encinitas, CA. Mr. Lee said afterwards that

both Judges were touched when the top two riders held hands during the awards ceremony while waiting for the final results to be announced. According to Mr. Lee, "it was a great moment - It doesn't get any better than that! It was an honor and pleasure to judge such outstanding events!" Deni was thrilled with all the Championship prizes including the two bronzes, the monogrammed cooler, Missing Link Equine Supplement, and Sound Hoof Conditioner from the Phalen family. Trainers of the Champions were not left out and received a \$50 gift certificate from Valencia Sport Saddlery, and a horse massage from Rider's Edge.

San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association 17 & Under Medal Finals

PLACING	RIDER	TRAINER
Ch.	Deni Hird	Stephanie Haney
Res.	Lacey Early	Stephanie Haney
3rd	Molly Peddicord	Far West Farms
4th	Mariah Hawes	Betsy Woods
5th	Savannah La Liberte	Mike Hebert
6th	Hannah Goodman	Foxfield
7th	Kayla Savard	Rebecca Bruce
8th	Ashley Fritzler	Alanna Bloomberg
9th	Henley Adkins	Elvenstar
10th	Ashlyn Matheus	Mark Purcell

In the 18 and Over Medal Finals, Brian Wee, trained by Leslie Nelson of Santa Barbara, qualified by winning the last SFHJA qualifying class on Thursday, and then went on to take the Finals on Friday. He turned in a flawless work-off to solidify his top spot. Sydney Hlavacek zoomed up to the show from her college classes in Channel Islands to put together solid performances in all phases of the Medal competition to merit the Reserve Championship. Trained by Far West Farm, and riding Farmer, Sydney kept the pressure from getting to her and took home the Reserve Championship cooler from DaMoors and a high quality leather halter sponsored by Jedlicka's. Proud mom, Jill was on hand to cheer her on.

San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association 18 & Over Medal Finals

PLACING	RIDER	TRAINER
Ch.	Brian Wee	Leslie Nelson
Res.	Sydney Hlavacek	Far West Farm
3rd	Shelly Lachow	Foxfield
4th	Christine Phillips	Rebecca Bruce
5th	Lori Quiett	Carolyn Biava
6th	Cheryl Child	Julie Connor-Daniels
7th	Laura Stiel	Rainbow Canyon
8th	Pam Rudell	Michelle Pacyna
9th	Caitlin Sweasey	Heatherly Davis
10th	Val Funfar	Foxfield

Elizabeth McGillivray of Ojai, CA riding Downtown made her trainer, Corinne Bevis very proud as she bested a field of 30 to take home the championship in the SFHJA Futures Medal Final which was sponsored once again by Tonia Cook-Looker and Peter Looker. Thanks to the generous sponsors, Elizabeth left the arena loaded down with awards. Judges Rob Gage

and Jimmy Lee commented on the challenging but fitting course created by Mike Nielsen, and how well the Futures riders rose to the task. Kayla Lott trained by Elvenstar and mounted on Kif Kif d'elle proved that consistency pays off by laying down two sharp over fences work to stave off the efforts of a very strong field of riders to conquer the Reserve Championship.

**San Fernando Hunter Jumper Association Futures Medal Finals
Sponsored by the Looker Family**

PLACING	RIDER	TRAINER
Ch.	Elizabeth McGillivray	Corrine Bevis
Res.	Kayla Lott	Elvenstar
3rd	Melanie Selleck	Foxfield
4th	Clea Lerner	Stephanie Haney
5th	Jackie Zelman	Elvenstar
6th	Danielle Wiebe	Foxfield
7th	Mary Anastasi	Elvenstar
8th	Danya Carithers	Michelle Pacyna
9th	Madison Shack	Elvenstar
10th	Danica Dickison	Nancy Frost

At the Flintridge Classic in late September, Molly Peddicord captured the first SFHJA medal finals of the year, besting a field of 22 to take the Equine Insurance Challenge Medal. Molly, who rides at Far West rode her Loupino to a steady second in the first round then followed up with near perfection in the second round and work-off. Lacey Early, trained by Stephanie Haney took home the Reserve. Donna Chopp of Equine Insurance was on hand to present the sponsored awards including the new crystal perpetual trophy, a bronze keeper, coolers through 3rd and saddle pads through 10th. The winner and the winner's trainer also receive fabulous vacation get-a-ways.

SFHJA Equine Insurance Challenge Medal

PLACING	RIDER	TRAINER
Ch.	Molly Peddicord	Far West
Res.	Lacey Early	Stephanie Haney
3 rd	Jessie White	Zehnder Foxfield
4 th	Stacey Bacheller	Jeni Brown
5 th	Allicyn Roy	Rainbow Canyon
6 th	Bell Calkin	Cyndi Merritt
7 th	Devon Manze	Cyndi Merritt
8 th	Ashlyn Matheus	Mark Purcell
9 th	Zoey Pacyna	Michelle Pacyna
10 th	Hanna Goodman	Foxfield

Side bar or final paragraph:

The final five of the San Fernando Medal Finals were held at the Camelot Classic. This exciting year-end event awarded 13 perpetual trophies. Other showcased competitions included the Camelot Hunter Challenge Finals won by Cirque Du Soleil with rider Kayla Savardin the irons. The Ride and Drive was won for the 2nd year in a row by Kristin Hardin., and the Zone 10 Children's Pony Hunter Championship honors went to Taste the Rainbow, ridden by Donya Carithers.