

"4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills."

SECRETARIES - Fax/call entries by 6 pm, Thursday 9/13/07

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JUDGES

English – Carla Sharp, CT

Hunt – Sandra Epstein, Pawling, NY

Western – Margie Groht, CT

Trail – Liz Web, Oxford, CT

!!!NEW THIS SHOW!!!!

1. The WORKING RANCH HORSE DIVISION - A New Division in the Western Ring

The WORKING RANCH HORSE DIVISION (classes 204, 213, 240) is sponsored by Happy Trails Farm, in Danbury. Horse/rider pairs participating in this division in both the spring and fall shows will be eligible for a year end award. Open to adult and junior riders.

The Division consists of three classes - a riding class, a trail class and a halter class that will judge the suitability of a horse as a western horse. The horse's movement should be natural - as would be wanted for a horse working on a ranch - rather than the slow, western pleasure gaits.

Tack and your horse should look like they are ready for a day of ranch work. Therefore, these classes require that:

- Tack be working tack. No silver show saddles. Silver is permitted on your headstall and bit but not the reins.
- A rider's outfit should be suitable for a day of work on your horse. (Western shirt - no rhinestones or sequins, maybe a bandanna, chinks or chaps, etc.)
- Horse should have a natural (not pulled or braided) mane, no shaved ears, tail extensions, etc.
- No horses less than three years of age may be exhibited
- No hoof polish
- Trimming the bridle path is allowed, as well as the fetlocks or any excessive (long) facial hair

2. Check at the changes to *The Kentucky Hunter Division* (on the outside Course). The perfect division for riders who want a bit of a challenge.

3. Due to popular demand the Versatility Class has been revamped and has returned as the **Versatility Challenge** – open to all riders, Western or English. There are 4 components of this class: pattern, timed barrel race; cross rail jump, and a pleasure ride in the ring. Class is listed in the miscellaneous section.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The high point horse/rider combination from both the Spring Open and Fall Nutmeg Shows will receive a special year-end award. To be eligible, riders must enter the entire division. The following divisions have Year-End Awards:

- **Kentucky Hunter Classic Division** is sponsored by **All the King's Horses, Ridgefield**. All classes to 8th place.
- **The Low Hunter Division** is sponsored by **Clearview Farm, Sandy Hook**. The Year-End winner will receive The Sam I Am Memorial Trophy.
- **The Baby Green Division** is sponsored by **Stony Meadows Farm, Ridgefield**.
- **The Open Beginner Hunter Division** is sponsored by **Sunnybrook Farm, Newtown**.
- **The Short Stirrup Division** is sponsored by **Silver Horseshoe Stable, Inc. Milford**.
- **The Maiden Equitation Division** is sponsored by **Another Farm, Woodbury**.
- **The Walk/Trot Division** is sponsored by **Sunnybrook Farm, Newtown**.
- **The Western Walk/Jog Division** is sponsored by the FC 4-H Horse Committee.
- **The Western Division** is sponsored by the FC 4-H Horse Committee.
- **The Color Horse Division** is sponsored by **Timber Hill Farms, Newtown**.
- **The Pleasure Horse/Pony Division** is sponsored by The FC 4-H Horse Committee.
- **The Ranch Horse Division** is sponsored by **Happy Trails Farm, Danbury**.

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