

Pa. National Horse Show to feature top riders

HARRISBURG - With every leading rider in the country from teenagers to a grandfather on hand, the 33rd renewal of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show gets under way October 14 with \$50,000 in prize money up for grabs.

The show will run for eight days at the Farm Show Arena, in Harrisburg, with matinee and evening sessions scheduled daily. The event will be for the benefit of the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club's Youth Foundation.

In addition to the competitive events, this year's added attraction will be Mr. Rythm, the internationally famous dancing horse. With his rider, Darrel Wallen, Mr. Rythm - reputedly the only horse in the world capable of cantering backwards - will appear during the evening performance from Wednesday through the final Saturday.

While the open jumpers hold the spotlight, two junior competitions will determine some of the leading riders of the future. They are the Medal Class National Finals and the Prix des States event for junior jumpers.

"Looking over the entry list, I came to the conclusion that this show will be among the best in our history," said

Jack Sterling, manager of the Pennsylvania National. "The open jumper division, for example, is wide open and I wouldn't even want to hazard a guess as to the winner."

"In the hunter divisions we have the top horses in the nation on hand. As for the Prix des States event, the teams that were defeated by an outsider last year will be back looking for revenge."

Among the open jumper riders, Katie Monahan of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., who rode The Jones Boy to the championship last year, will head the field.

Thus time, the 23-year-old Miss Monahan will be up on Pantheon, owned by Mrs. David Clark of Iron Station, N.C., who won a major class at the Devon Horse Show last Spring. Miss Monahan's most serious rival probably will be Harry deLeyer, a 51-year-old grandfather, who will handle his own mount, Dutch Crown.

DeLeyer, whose eight children all compete at horse shows, rode Dutch Crown to second place in the American Gold Cup a month ago in Philadelphia. Dutch Crown was the reserve open jumper champion at the Pennsylvania National last year.

Other threats for the title include Norman Dello Joto's Allegro, Mark Jungherr's Just Plain Wilbur, Mrs. Clark's The Roofer, Betsie Bolger's Y Hugo, and Dana Douglass's Heat Wave.

In the national finals of the Medal Class, the event that determines the number one junior rider in the country, more than a hundred entries will compete. In order to qualify for the finals, a junior rider - who must be under 18 years of age - is required to win a designated number of Medal Class qualifying events during the regular season. The number of blue ribbons required depends on the state in which the rider lives.

The favorite for the championship probably will be Hugh Mutch of Weston, Conn., who barely lost to Elizabeth Sheehan last year. Miss Sheehan is no longer eligible for junior competition, and this season also marks Mutch's last year as a junior. His father, Ronnie, won the Medal Finals in 1950, and his uncle, Fred Bauer, captured the event in 1969.

Mutch also will compete with the Connecticut team in the Prix des States - an olympic-style junior jumping competition. Last year's winner, Texas, coached by Orlando de Hoyos, will be back to defend its title, and Connecticut is regarded as its chief threat.

Texas won in an upset last year, but none of the riders on that team will be back. This time, de Hoyos will have Terry Brown, Christine Blanks, and Shannon Crystal riding for him. Mutch's teammates on the Connecticut squad include Elizabeth Guerin, Leslie Milner, and Siri Larssen Rumanelli.

Pennsylvania, coached by Jim Paxon, also will have a team in the competition. The squad will be made up of Vallery Marvel, Creed Sadler, and Eric Frost.

Among the hunters, Early Light, owned by Mrs. Sylvester Johnson, heads the field. Early Light, winner of the green conformation hunter title at the Pennsylvania National last year, has not been beaten since and now has won 16 championships in a row.

In the regular conformation hunter division, August A. Busch, Jr.'s Stocking Stuffer is the favorite. Mrs. Johnson's Fun and Games is the leading entry in the second year green working hunter division, and Lilli Milins's Stretchin' Stephen is the first year green working hunter favorite Mrs. Robert Baskowitz's Ruxton, last year's American Horse Shows Association national high point champion in the division, heads the list of regular working hunters.

Mrs. Alan R. Robson of Glenmoore, Pa., has entered a string of top horses in the saddle horse divisions. Her leading entry is Lisa My Love, the winner of the ladies' three-gaited world championship at Louisville, Ky., two months ago Mrs. Robson, herself, drove Lisa My Love to the title.

The Pennsylvania

National Horse Show, a non-profit institution, is open October 14 through 21. As the nation's largest indoor horse show, The Pennsylvania National has entries from all over the United States and Canada. Held at the Farm Show Arena, in Harrisburg, the show has two performances daily. Tickets, starting at \$2, are available at the horse show office and at the Zembo Temple, located on Third Street.

Farm Women Calendar

Today, October 7
Lancaster County Society 6 program for Lehman Nursing Home, 1 p.m.
Lancaster County Society 10 meeting, auction.
Berks County Societies Fall Convention, Berks Agriculture Center, Bernville.

Monday, October 9
Lancaster County Society 3 dinner theater at Host Corral.
York County Societies Church Night, 7 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, Dallastown.

Tuesday, October 10
Dauphin County Society 1 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Hornerstown Church.
York County Society 26 meeting, 7 p.m. Judy Muth, hostess.

York County Society 29 meeting, at Betty Jordan's home. Program making Santa dolls.
Lancaster County Society 22 meeting at the home of Mrs. Gary Martin, Millstream Road.

Wednesday, October 11
Berks County Society 1 meeting and Halloween party hosted by Ester Berndt.
Lancaster County Society 14 meeting, 1 p.m. at the Coca Cola Building.

York County Society 7 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Heindell's, Mt. Wolf.
York County Society 34 tour, Hickory Farms at the York Mall store, 1 p.m.
Lebanon County Societies Fall Convention.

Lancaster County Society 28 work night at Elvin Hess', 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 12
Lancaster County Society 18 meeting, 7:30 p.m., Halloween party.

Lancaster County Society 9 meeting, 12:30 p.m.
York County Society 35 meeting at the home of Linda Bricker.

Friday, October 13
Lancaster County Society 13 meeting with Halloween program.

Saturday, October 14
Lancaster County Society 2 meeting hosted by Kathryn Shreiver.
Lancaster County Society 19 meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Lancaster County Society 25 meeting, 1:30 p.m. with plant exchange.

Lancaster County Society 1 meeting with crafts demonstration.



On being a farm wife

-And other hazards

By JOYCE BUPP

"I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to greater service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."

Countless youngsters repeat that 4-H pledge each year as they gather into groups, large and small, to voluntarily become better citizens through self-education. From basic cooking to riflery, public speaking to raising a leader dog for the blind, 4-H'ers help others while learning to help themselves.

This first week in October has been National 4-H week, an annual salute to the 4-H program of America.

And, I believe a special salute is due the mostly-unsung heroes of the 4-H program, those thousands of leaders who selflessly share their time and talents to help build character and understanding in our youth.

Leaders, too, abide by the 4-H pledge; but there are four other "H" words that might also characterize their devotion:

HARASS - Club leaders frequently find themselves prodding their young charges to finish books, complete projects, make suggestions. It's rumored that some leaders have been

overheard pleading in their sleep, "What do you mean you haven't filled out your blue form yet?"

HURRY - Behind every successful 4-H leader there is a clock that consistently runs too fast. Somehow there is just never quite enough time to plan the next meeting, arrange a committee car pool or drop off all those boxes of 4-H cookies that Susie needs.

HELP - There's only one thing to do when tomorrow is project roundup, and your youngest sewing club member hasn't yet put in her skirt zipper, much less hem up the garment. Leaders also spend a lot of time trying to remember what they were doing before the phone rang the last three times.

HOPE - Will he remember to keep that hog out of the show ring corners? Should we have rewritten that closing sentence in her speech? Will the judge know that one cookie fell on the floor and cracked on our way to the exhibit? Are they really ready as a team for state competition? Do they realize that we just want them to do their best and nothing more?

As a 4-H parent, I say "Thanks" to our dedicated 4-H leaders - each one of you deserves Grand Champion honors.

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