

# America's Top Equestrians Return To Harrisburg

## Oct. 14-23 For Pa. National Horse Show

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — The Pennsylvania National Horse show, one of Pennsylvania's premier sporting events and America's largest indoor all-breed horse show, will conduct its 54th annual 10-day competition Oct. 14-23.

Since its inception in 1945, the event, at Harrisburg's State Farm Show Complex has raised more than \$1.4 million for youth literacy, educational, and recreational programs through the Harrisburg Kiwanis Youth Foundation.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of hunter, jumper, and equitation riders across the U.S. compete year-long for an invitation to join the best of the best at "The Show Of Champions" in Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania National Horse Show is a celebration of horse sports, featuring more than 1,600 of America's top horses and riders, unique entertainment, shopping, food, and family fun.

Seven national championships are decided at the PNHS. The American Horse Shows Association/Black Entertainment Television National Junior Jumper Championship conducted Saturday night, Oct. 16, is one of only three USA Junior Olympics-Equestrian events and features

America's top under-18 jumper riders. More than 200 young riders culminate a year of competition on Sunday, Oct. 17, as they vie for the American Horse Shows Association/Eisers & Pessoa National Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Championship — one of the few events where the rider, rather than the horse, is judged.

Many of the young national champions go on to represent the U.S. in international and Olympic Grand Prix competition of the type featured at the PNHS nightly Tuesday, Oct. 19 through closing Saturday, Oct. 23. Spectators thrill to America's best Grand Prix jumper riders, including Olympic competitors, striving to win more than \$115,000 in prize money by clearing jumps up to five feet high and six feet wide.

A week of varied equestrian competition begins Monday, Oct. 18, with Hunt Night, an evening of friendly rivalry for the mid-Atlantic's top fox hunting clubs. For about 150 years, fox hunting has remained a strong tradition in Pennsylvania, home to more hunts than any other state except Virginia. Teams and individuals test their hunting skills over fences, in a Parade of Hounds, the North

American Fox Hunting Horn Blowing Championships, and in races over fences for feisty and adorable Jack Russell terriers.

Spectators will be treated to an amazing variety of equestrian athleticism. Wednesday through Saturday nights, Oct. 20-23, the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales will entertain spectators with the precision maneuvers of the celebrated eight-horse hitch. High-flying Grand Prix jumpers, fiery, high-stepping American Saddlebreds and their tiny Hackney pony cousins, thundering draft horses in hitches of one to six, easy-going western pleasure horses, and roadster horses and ponies who race around the ring at top speed take turns delighting and entertaining the audience. The \$50,000 Budweiser Grand Prix de Penn National, the show's richest and most prestigious event Saturday night, Oct. 23, will be broadcast on ESPN.

The show's special exhibitions include an extraordinary, whimsical demonstration of the classical equestrian art of dressage by Todd Bryan, Saturday night, Oct. 16 and again Friday night, Oct. 22. "The Sport of Kings" will thrill spectators as teams from Harrisburg and Lancaster play a heart-pounding

chukker of fast-paced polo, Wednesday night, Oct. 20. Always a crowd favorite, Jack Russell terriers race over fences Monday and Friday nights, Oct. 18 and 22.

Special family days at the horse show are Saturday, Oct. 10 and Friday night, Oct. 16. On both days, when competition and events are geared to kids, children will enjoy free pony rides and face painting. On Saturday, Oct. 10, one child under age 12 is admitted free with a paying adult.

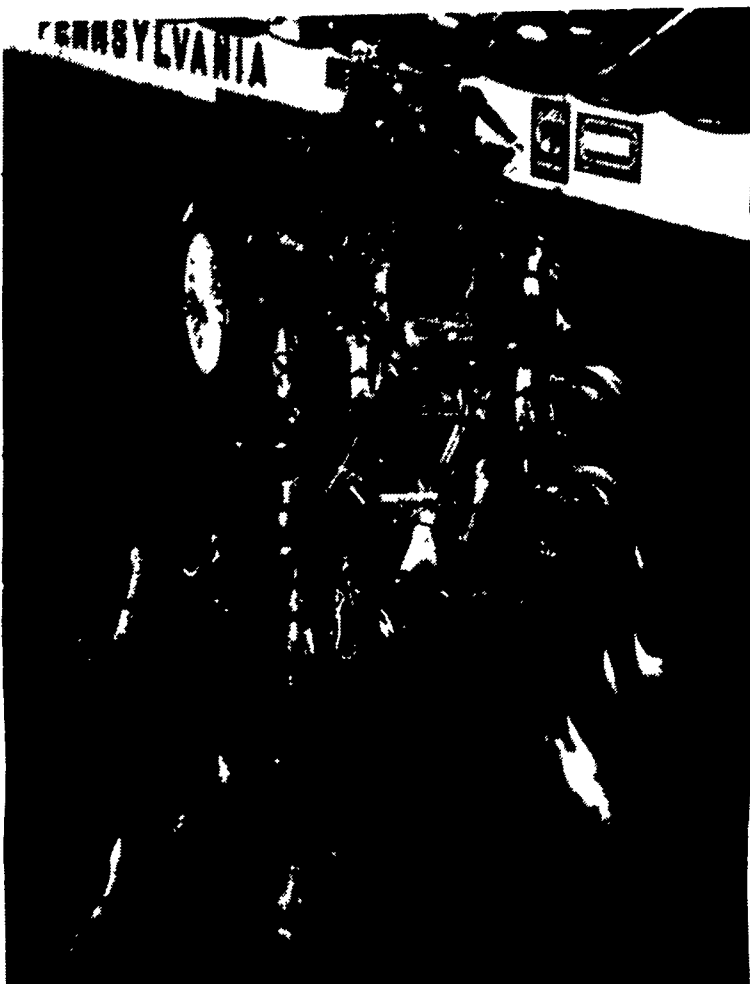
An invitational class for local therapeutic riders will be Tuesday night, Oct. 19. Horse babies age two and under will be showcased in a futurity for young American Saddlebred horses Saturday afternoon, Oct. 23. The Valley Forge Military Academy & College Band will appear at the horse

show on Saturday night, Oct. 23, as it has done for the last 51 years.

More than 50 boutiques travel from Palm Beach, Aspen and points in between to display their jewelry, crafts, clothing, gifts and horse equipment and give spectators an early start on their Christmas shopping.

The show begins about 8 a.m. daily, and runs until 6 p.m. Oct. 14, 15 and 17, and until about 11 p.m. Oct. 16 and 18-23. General admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and children ages 12 and under, except Oct. 23, when all general admission tickets are \$10. Reserved seating is available Saturday night, Oct. 23. Prices range from \$15 to \$25. All performance passes with reserved seating Oct. 23 are \$100.

For more information or a free brochure, phone (717) 975-3677.



The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdale eight-horse hitch entertains audiences the last four nights of the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Oct. 14-23 at the State Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg. On Thursday and Friday nights, the first 25 families through the gate can pose for a souvenir photo with one of the gentle giants.



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## Information about the soybean checkoff request for referendum

According to the Soybean Promotion and Research Program, an automatic producer review of the soybean checkoff program is required every five years. This automatic review provision in the law requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct a request for referendum. Individuals eligible to participate in the request for referendum are defined as any person engaged in the growing of soybeans in the United States who owns or shares ownership and risk of loss of such soybeans, specifically from January 1, 1997 through November 16, 1999.

Eligible individuals who do not want a referendum need not take any action.

Eligible individuals who desire a referendum may request such by completing Request Form LS-51-1, available at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in the county where FSA maintains and processes the producer's administrative farm records. Producers who do not participate in FSA programs may obtain a form at the county office that serves the county where the producer owns or rents land. Eligible individuals may obtain a form in person, by mail or by facsimile from October 20, 1999 to November 16, 1999. All completed forms must be returned by November 16, 1999 to the FSA office, either in person or by facsimile. Forms returned by mail must be postmarked by November 16, 1999 and received in the county FSA office by December 1, 1999.

For more information on request for referendum procedures, please contact your local FSA office.