# Top Equestrians In Harrisburg Oct. 12-21 For 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 55th annual 10-day competition Oct. 12-21.

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 1,400 of America's top

horses and riders, unique entertainment, shopping, food and family fun.

Ten national championships are decided at the PNHS. The American Horse Shows Association/Black Entertainment Television National Junior Jumper Championship, Saturday night, Oct. 14, 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. 15, as they vie for the American Horse Shows Association/Eisers and Pessoa National Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Championship one of the few events where the rider, rather than the horse, is iudged.

Many of the young national champions go on to represent the

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U.S. in international and Olym- Championships, and in races pic Grand Prix competition of the type featured at the PNHS nightly Tuesday, Oct. 17 through closing Saturday, Oct. 21. 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.

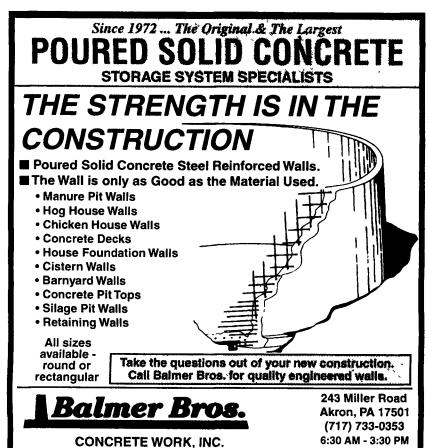
A week of varied equestrian competition begins Monday, Oct. 16, with Hunt Night, an evening of friendly rivalry for the mid-Atlantic's top fox-hunting clubs. For nearly 150 years, fox-hunting has remained a strong tradition in Pennsylvania, home to more hunts than any other state except Virginia. Teams and individuals test their hunting skills over fences, in the North American Fox-Hunting Horn Blowing over fences for feisty and adorable Jack Russell terriers. Author Rita Mae Brown, a fox-hunting enthusiast, will make an appearance during Hunt Night.

Spectators will be treated to an amazing variety of equestrian athleticism. 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 held Saturday night, Oct. 21, will be taped for broadcast on ESPN (the broadcast is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 12 at 6

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will present their Musical Ride at the Pennsylvania National Thursday through Sunday nights, Oct. 19-21, their first appearance at the show since 1982. The troupe of 32 horses and riders, with the support of founding sponsor Canadian Pacific, will perform a variety of cavalry drills and intricate formations at the trot and canter, all choreographed to music.

General admission is \$10, \$5 for seniors and children ages 12 and under, except Oct. 21, when all general admission tickets are \$10. Reserved seating is available Grand Prix Night, Saturday, Oct. 21; prices range from \$15 to \$25. All performance passes with reserved seating Oct. 21 are \$100.

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