



Winter 2018 Newsletter

Happy 2018 to all of our members! We are excited to announce a full upcoming show season. Please find the tentative dates in this newsletter. We sincerely hope to see all of our veteran members and a plethora of new faces in 2018!

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who made the 2017 show season a success. Montana is lucky to have such quality facilities, diligent volunteers, and motivated exhibitors. Hopefully the 2018 show season will be another banner year.

It is thanks to show organizers that we are able to have a show season at all so please don't forget to give them a smile at the next show. We also rely heavily on volunteers. If you are willing and able to help this coming show season please contact us!

We want to hear from our membership. What are we doing well? What can we do better? Do you have ideas or questions? Please contact us either by email, phone, or in person! Don't forget to visit our website montanahunterjumper.org or check us out on Facebook and Instagram! Our Facebook page is [facebook.com/MontanaHunterJumperAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/MontanaHunterJumperAssociation) and the official Instagram account is [montanahunterjumper](https://www.instagram.com/montanahunterjumper). Don't forget to use the hashtag #mhja2k18 so that fellow members can see your photos from the shows and beyond. There is also a classified ads Facebook page hosted by the association, which is free.

We hope to see everyone at the first MHJA approved show of the year in April. This is a great way to get going for the season. Show organizers have brought in Canadian judge and course designer Jay Duke and are offering a clinic with him the day before the show, which is a great schooling opportunity! Additionally, they are offering four Mini-Prix jumper classes and a series of fun prizes. Watch your mailbox for a prize list or find it online on the MHJA website and Facebook pages.

In January MHJA held their annual awards banquet and they gave away loads of stellar prizes. Next year we want to see even more of our membership! Don't forget to track your points with us and join us for the 2018 banquet.

The new Board of Directors was elected at the January meeting. Your 2018 board members are listed on the website and in the new rule book.

This board serves you, the members. Please direct comments, suggestions and questions to mthjassn@gmail.com or contact a member of the board.

Don't forget to join or renew your MHJA membership! Happy trails!



Raegan Taylor on Hokey Pokey

2017 Awards

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2017 Champions (Hunters and Equitation)



Courtesy: Lisa Johnson

18" Hunter Division

- 1 Paddy's Feisty Princess / Lisa M Johnson
- 2 Wright-A-Way / Kate Templeman
- 3 Shadows Smooth Rey / Jennifer Green
- 4 Salmon River Rowan / Ginny Fey
- 5 Bailey / Donna Seekell
- 6 Gracie's Rascal / Colleen Pacheco

2' Short Stirrup Division

- 1 Shadows Smooth Rey / Jennifer Green
- 2 Hokey Pokey / Jennifer Green
- 3 Paddy's Feisty Princess / Lisa M Johnson

2' Long Stirrup Division

- 1 Shadows Smooth Rey / Jennifer Green
- 2 Art in the Park / Katie Beck
- 3 Salmon River Rowan / Ginny Fey
- 4 Paddy's Feisty Princess / Lisa M Johnson

2'3" Pony Hunter

- 1 Stetson / Maika Coston
- 2 Priceless / Kate Stauffer
- 3 Hokey Pokey / Raegan Taylor
- 4 Glen Holly Sasparilla / Liv Reich
- 5 Salmon River Rowan / Ginny Fey
- 6 The Lightening Thief / Laci Mercord

2'3" Open Hunter Division

- 1 Jeannie / Christina Angelucci
- 2 One in a Milli On / Alissa Palmer
- 3 Drambonie / Bralynn Steppe
- 4 Démonaire / Danielle Mayeaux
- 5 Fantasy Playboy / Alexa Williams
- 6 Ca'Tazan / Ashley Nelson

2'6" Open Hunter Division

- 1 Sister's Southern Charm / Jamie Clark
- 2 Drambonie / Bralynn Steppe
- 3 The Governess / Zella Balkenbush
- 4 WC Maestro / Janisse Ruiss
- 5 Démonaire / Danielle Mayeaux
- 6 Ca'Tazan / Ashley Nelson

2'9" Open Hunter Division

- 1 Governess / Zella Balkenbush
- 2 Asia / Erin Toone
- 3 Glen Holly Sasparilla / Liv Reich

3' Open Hunter Division

- 1 Jack of Hearts / Brennan Kappes
- 2 Sister's Southern Charm / Jamie Clark
- 3 Two Touch / Nicolle Altringer
- 4 Brumby / Rachel Ambrose

2'6" Hunter Seat Equitation Division

- 1 Kate Smith
- 2 Dana Weber
- 3 Janisse Ruiss
- 4 Rachelle Dean



Lili Gallardi Rocha and Smokey

2017 Champions (Jumpers)

.70 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 Mischievous by Design / Whitney Webber
- 2 Kiss with a Fist / Catherine Rafanello
- 3 Four Feet of Snow / Stephanie Kappes
- 4 Finns Up / Laci Mercord
- 5 SirTnleigh / Brice Curry
- 5 Miller Genuine Draft / Maddison Mercord
- 6 Mojo / Dana Webber
- 6 Shadows Smooth Rey / Jennifer Green

.80 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 The Lightning Theif / Laci Mercord
- 2 Secretleigh / Caroline Kurtz
- 3 Frasier / Kate Smith
- 4 Arrabella / Ella Kutz
- 5 Not Too Paranoide / Rileigh Sullivan
- 6 LaGrange / Anna Harrison

.85 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 Sir Francis Drake / Liliana Graves
- 2 Arrabella / Ella Kutz
- 3 Gray Goose Tryst / Julie Stephens
- 4 Mantis / Nancy Miller
- 5 High Fashion / Danielle Mayeaux
- 6 Brumby / Rachel Ambrose

.90 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 Sir Francis Drake / Liliana Graves
- 2 Hunka Burnin' Love / Katherine Templeman
- 3 Nevada Sunrise / Sue Gillespie
- 3 Fernhill Raven / Joh Kappes
- 4 Mantis / Nancy Miller
- 5 Tim's Casey / Nancy Miller
- 6 Leighway / Dana Webber

1.0 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 Mantis / Nancy Miller
- 2 Maseratti / Thomas Diegel
- 3 Tim's Casey / Nancy Miller
- 4 Sir Francis Drake / Liliana Graves
- 5 Two Touch / Nicolle Altringer
- 5 Reins for Justice / Brennan Kappes
- 6 Dominic Q / Morgan Kelly

1.05 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 Tim's Casey / Nancy Miller
- 2 Mantis / Nancy Miller
- 3 Reins for Justice / Brennan Kappes
- 4 Fly Me to the Moon / Erica Alfiero
- 5 Leighway / Dana Webber

1.10 m Open Jumper Division

- 1 Reins for Justice / Brennan Kappes
- 2 Mantis / Nancy Miller
- 3 Fly Me to the Moon / Erica Alfiero



Karin Dolan



Courtesy: Lisa Johnson - 2017 Awards Banquet



Liliana Graves on Sir Francis Drake

Donna Seekell on her horse Bailey.



2018 MHJA Show Schedule

April 28/29 Big Sky Arena,
Billings

May 5 Big Sky Horse Park,
Missoula

May 19/20 Rebecca Farm,
Kalispell

June 16/17 Rebecca Farm,
Kalispell

July 7/8 Tri-H, Bozeman

August 4/5 Peaceful Bay,
Lakeside

September 15/16 Rebecca
Farm, Kalispell

October 6/7 Tri-H, Bozeman

Big Sky Arena (Billings) is located at 7800 Shorey Rd, Billings, MT 59106. Phone: (406) 696-5159. View their page: [facebook.com/BigSkyArenaMontana](https://www.facebook.com/BigSkyArenaMontana)

Big Sky Horse Park (Missoula) is located at 3500 North Avenue W Missoula, MT 59806. Phone: (406) 396-1302. View the website: bigskyhorsepark.org

Rebecca Farm (Kalispell) is located at 1385 Farm to Market Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901. Phone (406) 755-3276. View the website: rebeccafarm.org

Tri-H (Bozeman) is located at 400 Vandyke Road Bozeman, MT 59719. Phone: (406) 600-2501 View the website: lovesporthorses.com

Peaceful Bay Stables (Lakeside) is located at 150 Conrad Point Dr, Lakeside, MT 59922. Phone (406) 844-2332. View the website: peacefulbaystables.com

These are tentative dates
*some have not been MHJA
approved yet but are in the
process** Please keep in mind
these could change.

2018 MHJA New Rule Changes!

MHJA would like to encourage all members to read the 2018 Rule Book, and to become familiar with the new rule changes as well as the existing rules. The book is available to view or download on our website. The criteria for classes as well as descriptions are all in the rulebook. When in doubt about procedure, judging criteria, show setup, etcetera please consult the book. This is an invaluable tool for new members as well as for veteran members who wish to freshen up on what has been changed over the years.

The following are the membership approved rule changes for 2018:

1. **The annual meeting will be held on the first Saturday of November each year.** We made this change so members can plan ahead for the Banquet.
2. **The board will develop a Code of Conduct statement for shows and exhibitors and set of disciplinary actions.** We will create an ethics committee to develop the Code of Conduct statement to help the association protect against poor sportsmanship and frequent offenders of rules put in place by MHJA and USHJA.
3. **Short Stirrup Hunter Division:** This division is restricted to junior riders where the Horse/rider combination does not compete in classes over fences above 2'3" in the Hunter or Jumper divisions at that show. **The Division will be run with a walk-trot-canter hunter under saddle class, one traditional hunter over fences class, and one equitation over fences.** Trotting is not penalized in the over fences portion of the division.
4. **Long Stirrup Hunter Division:** This division is restricted to adult amateur riders where the horse/rider combination does not compete in classes over fences above 2'3" in the Hunter or Jumper divisions at that show. **The Division will be run with a walk-trot-canter hunter under saddle class, one traditional hunter over fences class, and one equitation over fences.** Trotting is not penalized in the over fences portion of the division.



Janisse Ruis' horse WC Maestro

If you see a rule in the rule book you would like to change or one you would like to add please send it to a current board member to be reviewed and voted on by the members at the annual meeting in November.



Missoula Horse Show

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Montana Hunter/Jumper Association

Please print clearly and sign legibly

Please return completed form to:
Montana Hunter Jumper Association
40787 Partridge Trail
Polson, MT 59860

- New Member
- Existing Member

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE APRIL 30TH OF EACH YEAR. After April 30th all applications will be assessed a \$5.00 office fee. All non-members will be charged a \$15.00 non-member fee per show until membership payment is received by MHJA. Memberships will be available at shows, but will not be accepted by the show management. It is the members' responsibility to submit their form. Points will not be awarded until a membership is received by MHJA. Membership cards *must* be presented to the show managers to avoid the \$15.00 non-member fee, this is refundable by MHJA if dues were paid to the Association prior to show date.

If checking Amateur, you must read and sign the Amateur Certification Form and include it with this membership application. If your status changes from Amateur to Professional within a membership year, you must notify MHJA in writing.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$35.00

Name: _____

- Junior Amateur Professional

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Individual membership includes one (1) horse nomination for Year End Awards, family membership includes three (3) horse nominations. Additional horses can be nominated for a fee of \$5.00/horse. Please use show names.

HORSE: _____

ADDITIONAL HORSES:

_____ \$5.00

_____ \$5.00

TOTAL DUE: _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$50.00

Includes parent(s), children 18 & under and three (3) horses.

Names: 1. _____

- Junior Amateur Professional

2. _____

- Junior Amateur Professional

3. _____

- Junior Amateur Professional

4. _____

- Junior Amateur Professional

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

HORSE 1: _____

HORSE 2: _____

HORSE 3: _____

ADDITIONAL HORSES:

_____ \$5.00

_____ \$5.00

TOTAL DUE: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: *The signing of this membership form signifies the release of the Board of Directors and members of MHJA, Montana Hunter Jumper Association, as well as show management, officials and volunteers from any liability or responsibility for any injury or damage to any horse, rider, other individual or property, before, during and following any approved MHJA horse show. Riders and Owners acknowledge that they are participating at their own risk. Parents or guardians are giving permission for juniors to participate with full knowledge of the risk inherent in equine competition.*

Signed: _____

Print: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature for Minor Under 18 _____

Print: _____

Do you want your name in the membership list which will be published online? Yes No

If you are an amateur, is this your first OR second year showing horses in any capacity? Yes No

SECTION VIII: AMATEUR CERTIFICATION

Montana Hunter Jumper Association - Amateur Certification

The MHJA has developed guidelines to ensure the members of the association are following the same rules as the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF). Every person who has reached his/her 18th birthday and competes in classes for amateur riders must possess a current amateur certification issued by the MHJA. Upon certification, an amateur continues to be such until he/she has notified the MJHA Board of Directors in writing of a change from amateur to professional status. A professional continues to be such until he/she has received amateur status by a vote of the MHJA Board of Directors and then must wait one calendar year until he/she may show as an amateur. (See also Section I:10)

An amateur is defined as anyone who is NOT engaged in the following activities:

1. Accepts remuneration for riding, training, schooling, or conducting clinics or seminars.
2. Accepts remuneration for giving instructions in any form of equitation (whether Western or English) or horse training.
3. Gives instruction, rides, trains, or schools horses, other than those horses actually owned or leased by him/her, when his/her employer or a family member of his/her employer owns, boards or trains said horse.
4. Accepts remuneration for the use of his/her name, photograph, or other personal form of association as a horseman in connection with any advertisement or article to be sold.
5. Accepts prize money in equitation or showmanship class.
6. Rides or shows a horse, for which he/she or a member of the family receives remuneration for boarding, training, riding, or showing.
7. Gives instruction to any person, or rides or shows any horse for which activity another person in his/her family will receive remuneration.

If any MHJA member has questions about whether a specific activity would negate their amateur status, it is the member's obligation to contact a member of the MHJA Board to discuss the issue.

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read and understands the above amateur rule and is eligible for amateur status under the above conditions. The undersigned confirms that he/she has NOT engaged in any activity cited in the amateur rules that would make him/her a professional.

If and MHJA member protests another member's amateur status, and it is determined by the MHJA Board of Directors that the individual under protest has signed this certification but does not qualify as an amateur according to the above rules, the violating member will be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) fine and points accumulated as an amateur will be forfeited for that show year.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A few tips before you hit the show ring in 2018!

Turnout

Every rider must wear an approved helmet! The chinstrap should be fastened properly and the helmet should be properly fitted.

If you choose to carry a crop, please remember that the length shall not exceed 18 inches.

Tack should be conventional and appropriate for your division. A fitted white fleece show pad is the correct choice for the hunter ring, while a square pad is permitted in the jumper ring. Flash and figure eight nosebands are not appropriate for hunters.

Etiquette and Safety

Safety is the number one concern at any show.

When riding in a schooling area or the main ring during schooling time remember that the standard way to pass head-on is left shoulder to left shoulder.

Don't block traffic.

Communicate your intentions in a loud, clear voice. For example, call jumps.

If you intend to use ground lines please follow correct spacing and standard placement.

State your number and class or division to the gate staff so that they may properly communicate your information to management.

Be ready to go when you are called.

If you need to 'scratch' a class please communicate this as quickly as possible to show management.

Obey all rules and directives set down by show management.

MHJA Sportsmanship Award Program

The deadline for this award is September 15, 2018. Please submit your nominations before this date so that voting may take place prior to the banquet. The MHJA winners will be honored at the year-end banquet.

The winners of the Sportsman of the Year award will also be submitted to the USHJA Affiliate Sportsmanship Awards, which recognizes amateurs, juniors, professional riders, and riding instructors who exemplify high-quality horsemanship, sportsmanship and integrity. Participation in this awards program is open to all USHJA Affiliate Member Associations. All Affiliate Sportsmanship Award winners will receive a gift from USHJA and have their names, biographies and photos included in the USHJA Affiliate Yearbook. In addition, regional winners will receive a free USHJA membership at their current level.

As the year progresses please keep this award in mind. MHJA recognizes an exceptional sportsman in each of the following categories:

- * Junior
- * Amateur
- * Professional Rider
- * Professional Instructor



If you haul horses you need to read this!

Do you need to comply with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Regulations?

(If you answer yes to part A or B your vehicle falls into the commercial classification by FMCSA.)

Part A: Your vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of more than 10,000 pounds.

Part B: Is your vehicle used for your business? *(Do you write off your truck or trailer as a business loss or expense on your tax returns?)*

Is your vehicle used with the intent to make a profit? This isn't only for business owners. Amateurs and non-pros need to ask themselves some questions: Do you have sponsors? Do you have their stickers on your truck or trailer? *(If yes, then those sponsorships qualify as furtherance of a commercial enterprise, which places you in the commercial category.)*

Do you breed or sell horses?

Do you collect payment (for example, splitting fuel costs) to haul friend's horses?

Is your vehicle involved in interstate commerce, such as going to horse shows out of your home state? *(The FMCSA could consider money won at a horse show or even a profit. They can also consider hauling to an event with the purpose or hopes of winning some money as pursuing a profit. This definition of profit then classifies your truck and trailer as commercial.)*

Are you required to have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)?

If you own and haul horses and do so related to a commercial business function then you will need to have a CDL, will most likely need a State DOT vehicle number, and if you travel interstate a USDOT number. You will also be required to follow FMCSA Hours of Service (HOS) and Record of Duty (ROD) rules and possibly have to install and ELD.

While you truck and trailer can be considered a commercial vehicle without the requirement that you obtain a CDL, you must obtain a CDL if your vehicle fits the following categories:

* Any combination of vehicles with a gross combined weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 or more pounds. *The GCWR is defined as the value specified by the manufacturer as the GVWR of the power unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units, or the combined registered weight of the power unit plus the towed unit(s).*

* The GCWR includes the passengers and cargo in the tow vehicle, plus the weight of the trailer and the cargo in the trailer. For example, if you dually has a GCWR of 10,000 pounds and your horse trailer has a GCWR of more than 16,000 pounds then a commercial license is required.

* When determining whether or not a truck and trailer have a GVCWR over 26,001 pounds, it is important to look at the manufacturer's plates as those are the determining factor. It DOES NOT MATTER what weight was declared on the registration.

If a truck and trailer are over the 20,001 pound thresholds there are further requirements!

* The employer must keep a full Driver Qualifications file for the employee with a CDL.

* The employer will also need to have that driver placed in a DOT panel drug and alcohol consortium.

* Visit fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program

If your GVCWR is under the 26,001 rating, but the trailer is over 10,001 AND the truck and trailer will cross state lines:

* Employees must obtain a DOT physical and medical card.

* Employer will have to verify the medical card on the National Registry List

* Employers need to have a complete driver qualification file kept on the employee.

If you haul a gooseneck trailer:

* When calculating driving hours, please note that the pick-up truck's back seat does not meet the requirements for valid 'sleeper berth'. This means if two drivers are sent out together they both start their days at the same time. One cannot log any time sleeping in the back seat or passenger's seat as time off or in the sleeper. An example of this would be if two drivers left from New Jersey heading to Florida, as soon as the vehicle is put in drive both drivers need to start their 14-hour clock. Once the individual behind the wheel has reached his/her 11-hour max drive time for the day they must stop and take 10 consecutive hours off. The second driver however, does not have the 11 hours left to drive because legally they have been 'on-duty not driving' for the first 11 hours and would only be eligible to drive for 3 hours (they also now have reached the end of their 14-hour window and must now go off duty for 10 consecutive hours before continuing to head to Florida.)

Electronic Logging Device

In regards to the Electronic Logging Devices, most anything that crosses a state line will need one. Some exemptions are: trucks manufactured before the year 2000, any vehicles that do not leave the 150 mile range and any drives that runs 8 or less days in any rolling 30-day period would not have to use an E-Log.

Exemptions

FMCSA rule exemptions do exist. An exemption would apply for occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not hauling horses for competition, nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise. The exemption would apply if the underlying activities are not undertaken for profit; prize money is declared as ordinary income for tax purposes; the cost of the underlying activities is not deducted as a business expense for tax purposes; and, where relevant corporate sponsorship is not involved.

As licensure and DOT requirements vary by state. Visit the Montana website: www.mdt.mt.gov



Acceptable Microchips

Only a 15-digit read-only ISO compliant 11784/11785 microchip implanted in the nuchal ligament on the left side of the horse's neck is accepted under USEF rules.



Competition Year 2019

Horses that are competing in classes which require USHJA registration that are not microchipped will be ineligible to compete in Federation licensed competitions.

Competition Year 2018

Horses that are not micro chipped will not be eligible for Federations and/or USHJA programs or awards. This is meant to be a transitional year for microchip requirements.



MICROCHIPPING RULES!!

For more information visit usef.org or contact USHJA.

Unacceptable Microchips

Those beginning with 9-0-0, 9-1-1, or 9-9-9 are not eligible under USEF rules even though they are accepted by FEI. Other manufacturer codes and microchips beginning with the prefix 9 are acceptable.

Pre-existing Microchips

If a horse already has an acceptable microchip the number should be reported to USEF. If it is not acceptable, a compliant chip should be inserted and both numbers reported to USEF.

Reporting Microchip #s

Microchip number(s) can be reported on a horse's record in a member's "My USEF My Way" account, on a Microchip Reporting Form by email horseservices@usef.org or fax to (859) 231-6662, or USEF Horse Recording ID Application.



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