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Nationals 2007 Results

The St. Andrews Presbyterian College team of Stephanie Gibson, Janelle Harcus, and Christina Kalinski claimed the team championship at the ANRC National Equitation Championships held April 21 and 22 at Centenary College in Long Valley NJ. They led throughout the competition, and Janelle's high score on the written test (second only to Emily Wiley of Sweet Briar College) enabled them to edge second-placed Centenary by 0.57 points.

Stephanie produced a solid Dressage Sportif ride on a borrowed horse (Centenary generously lent her a substitute after her horse turned up lame the first morning), and her teammates followed with impressive performances. Savannah College of Art and Design increased the pressure on St. Andrews after the Hunt Seat Equitation phase with a superior performance from Meredith Gallagher, which temporarily put SCAD in second place. Unfortunately, Meredith's horse bobbled at the last fence on the outside course and SCAD dropped back to fourth place overall. Goucher College was third overall with a team win in the Hunter Trials Equitation phase and a second in the Hunt Seat Equitation phase. Sweet Briar's team finished in fifth place.

In a gesture of true sportsmanship, first-year Sweet Briar rider Heather McPheeters agreed to ride on the University of the South's (Sewanee's) team after they lost two riders to injury before the competition started, thus enabling Sewanee to compete as a team.

Centenary freshman Eleanor Kunsman won the individual overall championship over second-placed Jonathan Cohen from Goucher College by 1.89 points. Centenary event secretary Emily Vaughan received the ANRC sportsmanship award for her unfailing courtesy and helpfulness throughout the event. Centenary rider Ashley DeBongrazio was awarded the USHJA affiliate collegiate amateur rider award for horsemanship and sportsmanship.

The competition was judged by Diane Braun and Pamela Hunt. Competitors, coaches, and judges all commended Centenary College in its initial hosting of the competition for their congeniality and their impressive facility and courses, especially the new cross-country course designed by equestrian center director Andrea Wells. Both the May 11 issue of the Chronicle of the Horse and the ANRC website www.anrc.org provide complete results of the competition.

Nationals in 2008 and Beyond

Participating colleges can look forward to the challenges of another new location, as University of the South in Sewanee, TN, will host Nationals on April 19 and 20, 2008. Contact Megan Taylor at mtaylor@sewanee.edu for additional information. Nationals will return to St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, NC, on April 18 and 19, 2009, and to Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, VA, on April 17 and 18, 2010.

ANRC Benefit Horse Shows

On June 3, North Fork School of Equitation in Jefferson, MD, hosted the first ANRC benefit horse show, held in memory of former director Katherine (Kay) Russell. A total of 34 riders from eight area riding establishments braved the rainy weather to participate. Championship ribbons in the three divisions were awarded to Molly Ryan, Mackenzie Smith, and Nadine Miglio.

Under an initiative proposed by ANRC Chair Patte Zumbrun, schools and other organizations can hold a horse show for the benefit of ANRC, to help support its educational programs for riding, training, and teaching. The show should provide a format primarily of equitation divisions that are low-key and attractive to local competitors or riders in a college lesson program or privately owned facility. The host facility and/or show manager may offer classes at a level most suitable to their own program.

Goucher College will sponsor several ANRC benefit divisions in its upcoming show on August 18 and 19. For more information, contact Patte Zumbrun at pzumbrun@goucher.edu.

If you are interested in hosting an ANRC benefit horse show, contact Patte Zumbrun or Marion Lee at marionhlee@verizon.net for additional information.

Board Members in the News

Chair Patte Zumbrun, Equestrian Director at Goucher College, has a new assistant, Jen Bunty, who is from Baltimore, and a new barn manager, Tamara Medinger, a Centenary College graduate. Both were involved in IHSA at the regional, zone, and national level, and Tamara competed at ANRC Nationals in 2001.

Jon Conyers, Intercollegiate Chair, accompanied a group of mostly Sweet Briar College students to South Africa in May, where they spent a week exploring the African bush on horseback, followed by a few days of sight-seeing in Cape Town. For more details of their adventures, go to www.riding.sbc.edu:80/.

Upcoming Events

Sweet Briar College will host the ANRC's First Annual Fall Invitational Intercollegiate Equitation Competition on October 20 and 21, 2007. The format will be similar to that of the ANRC National Equitation Championships ("Nationals"), providing an opportunity for riders to gain experience in this type of competition. Colleges that have placed fifth or higher in the team competition at Nationals may not enter riders that have competed at Nationals as members of their team or as individuals. There will be two competition levels—the Novice Division will use the ANRC Level Two Program Ride and jump 2'6". The National Division will follow the Nationals specifications with jumps not to exceed 3'. There will be a Dressage Sportif Phase, Hunter Trials Equitation Phase, and Hunter Seat Equitation Phase. There will be no written test (an integral part of Nationals). For more information and a prize list, contact Jon Conyers, 434-381-6367 or jconyers@sbc.edu.

Newly Certified Riders

A Certification Center was held at Goucher College on April 24, judged by Jill Randles. Those who achieved Intro Level Certifications were: Meredith Hurd, Jean Berger, Sarah Ashby, and Katy Bryant. Courtney Levine, Val Wiseman, and Alex Dupont earned their Level One Certification, and Nicolette Merle Smith, Justine Wilson, Emily Berkowitz, Sarah Pandolfini, Emily Shelley, Ashley Stewart, and Claire Ross McMahon achieved Level Two. Jonathan Cohen of Goucher College and Sara Fishback earned their Level Three Certifications at Nationals on April 22. Congratulations to all newly certified riders.

Classifieds

Be sure to visit our Classified Ads on www.anrc.org. A recent posting for a part-time riding instructor in Northern Virginia may be just what you are looking for.

Clinics and Equitrials

Thirty-two riders competed in an Equitrial at Sweet Briar College on March 31. Kathryn Davilli and Alison Sims confirmed the Level Three Certifications they had already achieved. To host a clinic, Equitrial, or certification center with ANRC instructors and/or judges at your barn, contact Laura Norment, Education Chair, at lauraanderhillnorment@yahoo.com. Additional information is also available in our publication, "Clinic and Certification Center Handbook", which can be ordered from our website www.anrc.org.

DVDs

If you're not quite ready to purchase one of the ANRC DVDs " The American System of Forward Riding", you can now view them before you decide. Go to <http://totalvid.com/Equestrian-Videos/1> to have a look. This newly available feature allows you to stream, rent, or purchase the DVDs. Or you can go to the ANRC website www.anrc.org if you're ready to buy one right now.