

# Open Horse Show and Gymkhana

Sunday, September 10, 2023  
Louise Olsen, Show Manager  
Debbie Spencer, Show Secretary  
Phone: 203-888-9969

Craig Bennett; Chris & Jack Brophy; Dave & Helen Catlin; John & Melissa DeMatteo;  
Kendra Graf; Emily, James Jr., Jennifer, & Lillian Gura; Carol Lewis; Melissa Moher;  
Chris Jr. & Karin Olsen; Patty Van Sickle; Jordan Stowell; Dottie, Jessica, & Marty Wing

**ENTRY BLANKS:** Available day of show

**JUDGE:** Maegen Evans

Open to all English and Western riders. Show starts promptly at 9 am, rain or shine.

**PARKING:** The South gate will close at 9 am.

1. **CONNECTICUT REQUIREMENTS:** All exhibitors are required to present to the Secretary a **Rabies Vaccination certificate signed by an accredited Veterinarian. A negative Coggins is also required. A photocopy of each must be submitted to the Horse Show secretary. These will not be returned. You will not be allowed to show without these.** Animals must have been vaccinated 30 days prior to the first show date.
2. No running of horses outside of the ring.
3. Horses must be under control at all times.
4. No riding horses outside the ring area, anyone riding outside this area will be asked to leave.
5. Red Ribbon must be worn by those horses that kick, as a safety precaution only.
6. No stallions allowed on the grounds.
7. Proper attire, consisting of long sleeved shirt, hat and boots is required to enter a Class.
8. Anyone acting in an unsportsmanlike manner will be disqualified and asked to leave.
9. All ties for Champion and Reserve shall be broken by equitation class placing.
10. AQHA rules will be used as a guide.
11. The Judge's decision is final. Questions should be directed to the Show Manager or Secretary.
12. Points are accumulated for each horse and rider combination. A different number will be issued for each different combination. Points may not be combined for the Championships.

## THE ABOVE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

All Entry Fees, except as noted, will be \$10. Sweepstakes money will be awarded in all classes except Sit-A-Buck and Leadline; moneys divided 40% - 30% - 20% - 10%. Six ribbons.

1. **Open Pleasure Class** – Horse to be shown at a flat-footed walk, jog, and lope. To be judged on manners, quality, performance 60%, and conformation 40%.
2. **Junior Pleasure Class** – Same as Class #1.
3. **Walk-Trot Pleasure Class** – Same as class #1, except no lope.
4. **Open Horsemanship** – Rider being judged. Rail work and may have individual workouts. Suitability of horse to rider.
5. **Junior Horsemanship** – Same as Class #4.
6. **Walk-Trot Horsemanship** – Same as Class #4.
7. **Open Trail** – To be judged over a series of obstacles. Pattern will be posted.
  - A. **Walk-Trot Trail**
8.
  - A. **Versatility Pleasure**
  - B. **Versatility Western Riding**
  - C. **Versatility Barrel Race**

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9. **Open Barrel Race** – Timed Event. Knocking over any of the obstacles or leaving the prescribed course will eliminate the entry from the class. It is permissible to place a free hand on saddle horn, or to use a bat (behind girth only).
10. **Junior Barrels**
11. **Walk-Trot Barrels**
12. **Open Command**
13. **Junior Command**
14. **Open Flag Race** – Timed event. Pattern will be posted.
15. **Junior Flag Race**
16. **Walk-Trot Flag Race**
17. **Open Polebending** – Timed Event. Knocking over any of the obstacles or leaving the prescribed course will eliminate the entry from the class. It is permissible to place a free hand on saddle horn, or to use a bat (behind girth only).
18. **Open Racquet and Ball** – Timed event.
19. **Open Keyhole** – Timed event.
20. **Scurry Race** – Timed event. Pattern will be posted.
21. **Carry the Mail**
22. **Sit-a-Buck** – \$1 entry fee (rider must supply own \$1). WINNER TAKES ALL.
23. **Leadline** – Must be led by someone over 16 years of age. Age limit 7 years old. \$3 entry fee. Will be held immediately following lunch break.

### **DIVISIONS:**

**Open** – To all riders except Walk-Trot

**Junior** – Under 16 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>

**Walk-Trot** – Walk and jog or trot only. Open to age 12 and under, may not ride in any other divisions. May also be led by age 18 years and older.

**Championship Open Horseman:** 1 – 4 – 7 – 12

**Junior Horsemanship:** 2 – 5 – 10 – 13 – 15

**Walk-Trot Horsemanship:** 3 – 6 – 7A – 11 – 16

**Open Gymkhana:** 9 – 14 – 17 – 18 – 19 – 20 – 21

**Points to Count:** 1st – 6; 2nd – 5; 3rd – 4; 4th – 3; 5th – 2; 6th – 1

A Memorial Trophy in memory of Ray Strohacker is on display in the Bethlehem Fair Office. The winner's name of the Versatility Class (8A-C) will be engraved on the trophy. Riders must enter all three classes on the same horse to be eligible. Winners will be announced after the 3rd class has been completed. Open to riders of any age. This is a perpetual trophy.

The Caitlin Paisley Memorial Pleasure Trophy will be awarded to the high point rider/horse combination in Classes #1-4-7-12. Riders must enter all four Classes to qualify. Winner will be announced after the completion of the Classes. Open to all riders except Walk-Trot. This is a perpetual trophy. The winner's name will be engraved on the Trophy and displayed in the Fair Office.