

# Central Jersey Horseman's Association April 2011



## Newsletter



Next 2011 Show Dates: May 1, June 12, August 7, September 18, October 16



### The first show was exciting.....

We had a record number of competitors! Thank you to all our members for being patient at the first horse show. We definitely saw a lot of smiling faces. The show went late since CJHA has become such a popular schooling show. Please take advantage of registering for each horse show online at [www.cjha.org](http://www.cjha.org).

**Medieval Times!!!** Possible bus trip June 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm show. If enough members are interested, we plan to coordinate an outing at Medieval Times, in Lynhurst. If interested, please e-mail us to see if we have enough interest; Details will follow if we have enough members & their families who wish to attend.

**Important Park safety regulation:** No vehicles or horses are permitted on the blacktop area from the food truck zone, and on down to the Secretary's Stand. No Exceptions! It is a park rule & a safety issue. Thank you.



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**Lisa Geer & her Standardbred, Lexie**



**Vicki Bubadias and Harley**

**Reminder for competitors:** Results will be posted **OUTSIDE** the secretary's stand when ready. Please do not ask the staff for the results, since they must first be verified and recorded.

**2011 Online Photo Album** will be added on the website! Please send us, via e-mail, any photos from the any 2011 shows that you wish to share with everyone.



Here's a list of tips to help you shine on show day:

### Two Days before the show:

- Clippers can give you a clean effect but be very careful so you don't clip an area you did not plan to clip! Clip legs & bridle path a few days before. Save the muzzle to clip, the day before.
- If you clip the inside of your horse's ears, place cotton inside to prevent hairs from entering the ear canal and also to deaden the buzz of the clippers.
- When you don't need to pull the mane, use thinning shears to shorten it without having the chopped look of scissor cuts. Comb well before and during the process to ensure that you get a level mane.
- For coarse tails, use a people conditioner treatment in addition to your regular equine conditioner to soften the hairs and make them flow. Add to the tail in the evening & leave it in overnight.



### The Day Before:

- Wash your horse with a mild shampoo. Tearless baby shampoo is good also. Pay extra attention to the around the eyes, mane, tail and heels. A sheen product will help to repel dirt. If possible, keep a light sheet on to keep the coat clean.
- Rub a dab of baby oil along the bridle path and inside of ears to get rid of that chalky, just-clipped look and make it shiny. Clip the muzzle.
- To cut down on static electricity in the mane and tail, use damp dryer sheets, a little fabric softener, or hair gel on a damp cloth.
- Braid the mane before you get too tired with your show preparations. Don't start braiding at 10 p.m.! If you get frustrated, the horse will become frazzled and will associate braiding with an unhappy time.

### Show Morning and at the Show:

- If you chose not to band a western horse's mane, lay a dampened towel over the neck to help the hairs lie down smoothly. Again, comb a little watered-down styling gel into the mane. Let dry and comb again for a natural look.
- Apply hoof oil or lacquer. The oil will collect dirt, but the judge will know that you made the effort. Lacquer is best unless your horse has dry hooves as is has better staying power..
- For really white socks or stockings, dust the legs with baby powder or corn starch. (Be careful not to make too much dust for you and your horse to breathe in.) *Slightly* dampen the area to be whitened and brush on the starch/powder.
- Keep damp cloths, a few elastics and a small brush with a ringside helper for last minute touch-ups to hooves, bit area and tack or to fix a stray braid..