



## News from the Pioneers



**IHSA at Army, West Point, NY** On September 26 Grace Smith and Molly-Kate Carven competed in their first college horseshow with the Sacred Heart Equestrian team. The two come from very different riding backgrounds; Molly-Kate has always ridden saddleseat, and Grace has always ridden English, but both had a great first experience. Molly-Kate said, "It was nice not having too much pressure on me as I headed into the ring for my first class. It was a learning experience because I had to get on all different horses without warming up." Grace said, "showing Western was completely different from showing English because of the differences in tack and there aren't any jumps. Not having to jump took away a lot of my nerves." The two came out of the show with ribbons in every class, and they both can't wait until their next horseshow on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Stevens Tech.

**Results:** Casey Marino: Intermediate Western Horsemanship II, 1st place; Open Western Horsemanship, 2nd place, 4th place; Open Reining 3rd place, 2nd place, Brian Buchanan: Advanced Western Horsemanship 4th place, 3rd place, 2nd place, Colleen Booth: Novice Western Horsemanship, 1st place, 3rd place, 3rd place, Grace Smith: Novice Western Horsemanship, 4th place, 3rd place, 2nd place Janel Beauregard: Intermediate Western Horsemanship II, 4th place, 6th place, 2nd place Alyssa Woronik: Intermediate Western Horsemanship II, 1st place, 2nd place, 1st place, Molly-Kate Carven: Intermediate Western Horsemanship II, 3rd place, 5th place, 4th place.

*By Grace Smith and Molly Kate*

**Carven**

**IHSA at Columbia, NJ** On September 27 Julie Law took third in Novice Fences and became the first rider to qualify for the 2010 Regional Championships. Despite the team still being one rider short in the walk/trot division, they managed to take 4<sup>th</sup> place out of the 12 schools in the Region, placing them just 2 points behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team St. Joseph's.

**Results:** Casey Marino: Open Flat 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Abbie Britton: Open Flat 6<sup>th</sup> place, Julie Law: Open Flat 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Novice Fences 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Brian Buchanan: Intermediate Flat 5<sup>th</sup> place; Intermediate fences 4<sup>th</sup> place, Adrianna Dattoli: Novice Flat 1<sup>st</sup> place, Nicole D'Agostino: Advanced walk/trot/canter 4<sup>th</sup> place, Sarah Aquilla: Beginner walk/trot/canter 4<sup>th</sup> place.



**IHSA at St. Joe's, Yappank, NY** On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> I traveled to my first college horse show. We drove about 2 hours away to St. Joe's College. Although I felt really nervous all of my teammates gave great advice and were extremely encouraging. I competed in two classes, Intermediate Jumping and Intermediate flat. My jumping class was first, and I was pretty nervous going into the ring, but once I jumped the first obstacle, I started to calm down and ended up with a 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbon out of 16 competitors. For my flat class I felt much



more confident and came out in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Overall, it was a great first experience and I cannot wait until the next show.

**Results:** Abbie Britton: Open 2 reserve calls, Julie Law: Open on flat 4th place; intermediate jumping 1st place, Brian Buchanan: Intermediate: 5th on flat, Devan Beaulieu: Intermediate: 2nd on flat; 6th over fences, Adrianna Dattoli: Novice: flat 3rd place, Nicole D'Agostino: Advanced walk/trot/canter: 4th place, Sarah Aquilla: Beginner walk/trot/canter: 5th place, Nicole: rode Gator...again!

*By Devan Beaulieu*

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## COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent / Event	Location
09/26/09	at Army (Western)	West Point, NY
09/27/09	at Columbia (English)	NJ
10/04/09	at St. Joseph's ( English)	Good Sheppard Farm, Yaphank, NY
10/11/09	at Nassau Community College (IHSA English)	Sweet Hills, Huntington, NY
10/17/09	vs. Stonehill College (English)	Rivers Edge Farm, Bethany, CT
10/18/09	at Hofstra (IHSA English)	Country Farms, Medford, NY
10/25/09	at Stony Brook (IHSA English)	Old Towne Equestrian, Selden, NY
11/01/09	at Molloy (IHSA English)	Thomas School, Melville, NY
11/07/09	vs. Auburn (English and Western)	Rivers Edge Farm, Bethany, CT
11/08/09	Region 4 (IHSA English)	River's Edge Farm, Bethany, CT
11/8/09	at Stevens Tech (IHSA Western)	Hoboken, NJ
11/22/09	at Stonehill College	N. Easton, MA
02/20/10	at Fresno State Best of the West	Fresno, CA
03/20/10	vs. Georgia (English and Western)	Rivers Edge Farm, Bethany, CT
03/21/10	vs. South Carolina (English and Western)	Rivers Edge Farm, Bethany, CT
03/26/10	at New Mexico State (English and Western)	Las Cruces, NM
04/15/10	Varsity Equestrian National Championships	Waco, TX
05/06/10	IHSA National Championships	Lexington, KY

**On the lighter side...**



## ROSTER

Name	Hometown/High School
Aquilla, Sarah	Huntington, NY/ Smithtown Christian
Beaulieu, Devan	Ludlow, MA/ Ludlow
Beauregard, Janel	Cumberland, RI/ Bishop Feehan
Booth, Colleen	Portland, CT/ Portland
Britton, Abbie	Hoover, AL/ Chippewa Valley
Buchanan, Brian	Troy, NY/La Salle Institute
Carven, Molly-Kate	Amesbury, MA/ Amesbury
Cleary, Katelyn	Naples, FL/ Barron Collier
D'Agostino, Nicole	Dix Hills, NY/ Half Hollow Hills West
Dattoli, Adrianna	Woodcliff Lake, NJ/ Immaculate Heart Academy
Hall, Lauren	Westwood, MA/ Westwood
Korolyshun, Meagan	Derby, CT/ Sacred Heart Academy
Law, Julie	Kingston, RI/ South Kingstown
Lyons, Alessandra	East Northport, NY/ Elwood-John Glenn
Marino, Casey	Andover, MA/ Central Catholic
Smith, Grace	Rumson, NJ/Rumson Fairhaven
Trzcinski, Katelyn	Ridge, NY/ Longwood
Woronik, Alyssa	Salem, CT/ East Lyme
Zwarycz, Victoria	Morristown, NJ/ Oak Knoll

**Greenwich Polo Match** On Sunday, September 6, 2009, the Sacred Heart Equestrian team attended a polo match at the Greenwich Polo Club. The intense match between two of the club teams was exciting to watch. The White Birch Polo team, which is based in Greenwich, has established an excellent record over the past few years and currently holds the title for winning more high point polo matches than any other team. The exciting pace of polo left many members of the equestrian team eager to pick up a mallet and give polo a try.

*By Devan Beaulieu*

**Dirty Shirt Club, President and VP Elected:** As I walked out to the ring on a chilly, sunny morning in Easton, I didn't expect to have anything out of the ordinary happen. Even as Coach Milstein had me riding with no reins, stirrups, my eyes closed while I cantered on a lunge line, I found nothing too out of the ordinary. This is business as usual in our lessons. But suddenly, with no warning at all, my faithful steed made a sudden jerking motion and jettisoned me through the air into my muddy, yet firm, landing place. When I was able to get off my stomach and onto my side, Coach Milstein tried to ask if I was all right, but her roaring laughter could not be held back. As I lay there in the mud in my clean Tailored Sportsman's, I had in an instant become the President of the 2009 "Dirty Shirt Club". Luckily, I made a much smoother transition into office than the former Pres I was replacing from last year, Abbie Britton. Joining me in the oval office this year is Sarah Aquilla, who earned the VP spot after a no stirrups tumble transitioning from the canter to the walk. "The horse kept going, and I just didn't," said Sarah on the tumble. With the two main spots already filled for this year, Sarah and I would prefer (for the team's sake) to keep this an exclusive club.

*By Brian Buchanan*



Dear Friends and Family,

Last season was a great one for the Sacred Heart Equestrian Team. We were able to travel to Delaware, South Carolina and Texas to compete and hosted shows against Southern Methodist University, Stonehill University and South Dakota State. We were able to do this with your help and generous donations we received. It was with your donations that we were able to fund these trips. We would like to thank you for that, the experiences that came from these trips and shows have helped us all become better riders and people as well.

This year we have expanded our team once again to almost double the size as last year. We are looking to take on bigger schools such as Auburn State on November 7, and University of Georgia, on March 20th. Among these additions to our schedule the team will be traveling in the spring semester to Fresno California, for a 2 day tournament against Fresno State University, Texas Christian University, and the University of Tennessee-Martin. Along with going to California, the team will also be travelling to New Mexico State, to compete against their NCAA team.

Our team budget is very limited and we are dependent upon the generous individual donations that are given to our team each year. Without them we will not be able to experience the opportunities being presented to us this year.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> we are hosting an IHSA English home show at River's Edge Farm in Bethany CT. For this show we are creating a program book for which we will be taking congratulatory or business advertisements in support of our team and looking for sponsors for our classes; see attached paper.

Other ways to support our team during this season are:

- Donate a gift certificate or an item to be used as a prize/raffled off throughout the season
- Make a Donation- all donations are used to enhance the program. Any amount is greatly appreciated
- Participate in the potluck meal. Although there is a food vendor at each show, the team is always looking for healthy alternatives.

We hope you will be able to support our team and help us travel across the country this year! We hope to see you at our home shows!

Thank you for all of your support!

*Sacred Heart Equestrian Team*