

2011 IQHA Horseback Riding Program Winners!

The hours are in, and the top riders for the 2011 IQHA Horseback Riding Program have been named. Hours accumulated from January through September count towards 2011 year-end awards, while any hours logged during the remainder of the year count toward lifetime benchmark achievements.

From January 1 through September 31 of this year, the members of the HBR program logged a grand total of 2,341 hours and 40 minutes!

In the AQHA Division, the top riders were:

1. **Dana Stark**, a NEW participant in the program, who logged a total of 377 hours 15 minutes aboard CDB Impressive Playgirl, A Chip To Remember, Leos Skippa Deck, and Buds Lonsum Leo.
2. **Tammy Smith**, who logged a total of 255 hours 30 minutes riding Dandy Lady Tiger Leo and Millionaire Poco Lad.
3. **Jennifer Stringer**, with a total of 226 hours 30 minutes riding Lenas Peppy Breeze and High Brow Tucker.
4. **Tammy Gertsen**, another NEW participant this year, logging a total of 158 hours aboard "Maggie."

In the "Other Breeds" Division, the top riders were:

1. **Teri Droz**, who rode her two horses a total of 83 hours.
2. **Erika Colbert**, logging 76 hours with Hesa Ready Version, Sonnys Country, and A Real Cool Bonanza.
3. **Cathi Luett**, with 27.5 hours riding "Patches" and "Dixie."
4. **Carolyn Bootsma**, who rode "Beau" a total of 22.5 hours.

The top Youth riders included:

1. **Rebecca Ness**, a NEW participant, who recorded 132 hours 50 minutes riding Worth A Call and CLW Dun In Magic.
2. **Dylana Luett**, who had 131 hours 45 minutes riding Jetsetin Wow, Sandys Stylin Girl, "Patches," and "Dixie."
3. **Kala Twogood**, another NEW participant for 2011, who logged 89 hours riding Foxys Pilgrim and Docs Flint Solution.
4. **Samantha Oldham**, yet another NEW participant this year, who rode a total of 60.5 hours aboard Shes Forever Yours, Mr. Lucky Harlan, and Montas Crown Royal.

In addition to the top four riders in each division, nearly every participant in the program reached a new benchmark this year:

50 hour benchmark:

Dana Stark

Tammy Gertsen

Krista Gibson

Jenna Delfs Brucher
Dennis Kaisand
Erika Colbert
Carolyn Bootsma
Rebecca Ness
Kala Twogood
Samantha Oldham
Taylor Colbert

100 hour benchmark:

Dana Stark
Tammy Gertsen
Krista Gibson
Jenna Delfs Brucher
Dennis Kaisand
Carol VanDyke
Erika Colbert
Cathi Luett
Rebecca Ness

250 hour benchmark:

Dana Stark
Teri Droz
Dylana Luett

500 hour benchmark:

Tammy Smith

Special Congratulations go out to Jennifer Stringer, the first person in the history of the IQHA Horseback Riding Program to reach the 1,000 hour benchmark! Jennifer has participated in the program since it began, and has been among the top riders each year. Way to ride!