



Southwest Showdown And Texas Pony Championship Finals WRAP UP

The Southwest Showdown, held at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, had the ponies taking center stage with our inaugural Texas Pony Championship. The heat was turned up in and out of the ring with over 23 ponies showing. The championship format was similar to that of National Pony Finals with the Model counting 25%, the Under Saddle counting 25% and one over fences class counting 50%.

Tessa Downey came away with the Texas Grand Championship, sponsored by Sherre Sims and Nada Wise and Rendezvous Farm, by capturing the Small Pony Championship, sponsored by Esoteric Farm, on Grand Jete' owned by Natalia Torano. The Reserve Small Pony Champion also went to Tessa on her pony Bringing Home Blue.



Tessa Downey and Grand Jete'

In the Medium Ponies, the Texas Pony Championship went to Tin Rose owned by Jennifer Wheeler-Winborne and ridden by her daughter Megan. Reserve in the Mediums went to Nantucket owned and ridden by Brooke Brombach.



Megan Winborne and Tin Rose

In the Large Ponies, Stone McCormick took home the tricolor ribbon on his pony Kingsland. The Reserve Large Pony Champion went to Flower Power owned and ridden by Emily Sherry.



Kingsland and Stone McCormick

The kids had a great time Friday at the “Ask the Judges” Clinic, sponsored by USHJA. Saturday started with a Breakfast sponsored by Step-A-Side Farm and then came the Ice Cream party sponsored by Silver Fox Farm. The day ended with the \$5000 Pony Hunter Classic. The Classic was won by AnnaKate Long on Rollingwoods Stickler. Second went to Brooke Brombach and Nantucket and third went to Megan Winborne on Be Cool, owned by Jenifer Wheeler-Winborne.

Our thanks go to these sponsors, as well our other Pony Championship Sponsors: The McCormick’s and Elmstead Farm, Barn Buddy Biscuits, Jennifer and Megan Wheeler-Winborne.



Pony Championships Ice Cream Party

In the jumper ring, the feature event was the \$10,000 1.35M Jumper Classic. Jose Pepe Gamarra set a challenging course where three riders made it to the jump off. Quattro, owned and ridden by Daniel Bedoya, bettered the other two and came away with the blue. Second went to Cartier and Juan Gonzalez and the yellow ribbon went to Wilkina Lithya owned by Augusta Pines Farm and ridden by Martien Van Der Hoeven.

Congratulations to our pony riders and all our exhibitors. We hope to see you at the Fall Fun, October 8-11, at the Texas Rose Horse Park in Tyler.

A special thanks to Jerry Mohme for these great pictures. Be sure to go to his website, www.jerrymohmephotography.com, and check out your own photos from the show.



