

## The 25th Winona Horse Trials Wrap Up

I would like to thank all the competitors for choosing to come to the 25th running of the Winona Horse Trials. I hope you and your horse had an enjoyable experience. We really lucked out with the weather. Despite the rain on Fri., the gusty winds on Sat. and the cool temperatures on Sun.; I think all went well. Much of that is due to our incredible volunteers. At your next event be sure to thank a volunteer and if you're not riding please consider becoming a volunteer.

Both photographers got many nice pictures so be sure to check them out at [www.brantgamma.com](http://www.brantgamma.com) and [www.casualcreation.exposuremanager.com](http://www.casualcreation.exposuremanager.com). Results can be found @ <http://eventingscores.com/sgf/win09/>. The use of Start Box Scoring and the internet has made it possible to get results up fast and live. In fact many competitors' stadium scores were posted before they had gotten back to their trailers or stalls!

The new Technical Merit Award was well received with  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the competitors signing up to have their ride evaluated and have the chance of winning a Brant Gamma photograph. The Technical Merit Award was sponsored by Joanna Rae from American National Insurance 1-877-840-4400. Complete results can be found at [www.stonegatefarm.org](http://www.stonegatefarm.org). The winners were:

Preliminary: Amanda Haney

Training: Carly Strohmeyer

Novice: Kim Wolf

Beginner Novice: Teneley Struhs

It was bitter sweet knowing that it was the last time that the cross country will be running at Huffman's beautiful farm and we can't thank them enough for their hospitality for the last 25 years! Fortunately I was out of town over the weekend when my husband started dismantling the course. I'm not sure I would have been able to handle that ☐ But as we end the era of cross country at Huffman's, we look forward to using the our new land to provide a different track at Stone Gate for next spring.

I hope many of you will be able to join us for future activities at Stone Gate Farm. For those of you who live close enough; you might want to join us for our Hunter Pace on Mon. May 25th Memorial Day!

Dave & Jackie



Carly Strohmeyer



Kevin Smith