

ABBE RANCH HORSE TRIAL XXXVI
in Larkspur, CO, on June 24-26, 2011
Judges: Cheryl Connell-Marsh, MI, and Deeda Randle, WY
TD: Tom Ordway, ID; CD: Denis Glaccum, PA

This was the 36th consecutive annual version of Abbe Ranch's summer horse trial in June, and it nearly didn't happen. Normally the 4th horse trial of the season in CO and 6th in the Area, it became the 1st in CO and 2nd in the Area, because of the equine herpes virus problem. Organizer Susan Farmer adopted the recommended biological security measures instead of cancelling the event, and tried to get the word out. Entries surged a bit, although many were very late, as eventers began to realize that it might actually run. There were wait lists at nearly all of 6 levels. 125 horses started, more than half again as many as last year. Numerous generous-as-ever prize donors, and skillful and pleasant officials, made Sunday a very nice day for most. There were so many prizes that each rider who finished as well as 8th got one. There were no weather delays and no serious injuries, and nobody was transported by EMTs.

A real anachronism was there to see: Scott Wehrli's scoring was streaming on line, using Startbox through a wifi connection to a high tech antenna tucked under the eaves of the historic old log Abbe Ranch House more than 200 meters downhill.

Neighboring vet and former MSEA-CCC president Cathy Redeker took on the duties of the veterinary official this year. She chose Carolse, ridden by Kala Robbins in Training, as the best-conditioned horse of all.

One of the sections shown below was a Test running concurrently with the horse trial. The INTRO/ELEMENTARY Test had a brand new X-C course built over the past year, offering a relaxed level of difficulty with 2'3" obstacles over about 1500 meters of distance.

RESULTS with Section, Place, Horse, Rider and Score:

INTERMEDIATE PRELIMINARY (7 starters)

1	P. S. ARIANNA	Madeline Backus	41.6	IP Trophy
2	R. V. BAY WOLF	Nicole Jones-Taylor	44.0	
3	K. S. PRICELESS	Ellie Gilbertson	44.8	

OPEN PRELIMINARY (13)

1	COSMIC GIRL	Ashlyn Dorsey	37.8	Joy Martin Farmer Trophy
2	GINGERBREAD MAN	Jacqueline Larouche	41.0	
3	EVEREST III	Lynden Fasso	42.5	

OPEN TRAINING (24)

1	LIONHART	Rochelle Costanza	26.7	Don L. Robinson Trophy
2	LAKOTA'S LILY	Amy Gilbertson	35.1	Kirsten Gray (USPC) Trophy
3	WARLORD	Darlene McInnes	35.9	

OPEN NOVICE A (14)

1	WHISTLE ME A TUNE	Eileen Galoostian	35.5	
2	NASHAMINY	Haley White	36.5	
3	ORION'S DUNAIRE	Lee Thomas	37.0	

OPEN NOVICE B (15)

1	FERIANTE AL	Martha Deeds	26.0	Nugget (Sr) Trophy and Nicodemus (dressage) Trophy
2	CASSIA	Nicole Jones-Taylor	26.0	Sue's Smokey (Jr) Trophy
3	ON THE FLY	Heather Capps-Drager	28.5	

OPEN BEGINNER NOVICE A (17)

1	CEDAR HILL	Jamie Philpott	29.1	Cindy Farmer (Horse) Trophy
2	BEATRIX	Natalie Lewis	32.4	Spicey (Pony) Trophy
3	GRIFFIN	Nicole Ackerman	34.3	

OPEN BEGINNER NOVICE B (17)

1	MILLE BELLE	Karen Paul	31.6	
2	FANTOM DANCER	Lynn Klisavage	36.2	
3	SPIRIT	Maria Gonzales	36.3	

INTRO/ELEMENTARY (18)

1	ALI RAMSES MAHAL	Kelly Walsh	33.5	
2	BELLE GAMBE	Linda Quist	35.0	
3	JAGERMEISTER	Courney McCrea	40.0	