

NORFOLK HUNT CLUB HUNTER TRIALS

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RULES AND CONDITIONS





**Sunday, October 18, 2015**

**Norfolk Hunt Kennels  
181 Centre Street  
Dover, Massachusetts**

The Norfolk Hunter Trials are an important part of the Norfolk Hunt experience. We hope they provide good fun and an opportunity to compete and socialize with congenial people who share similar interests in land preservation, camaraderie, and good sport with horses and hounds.

A particular goal of the Norfolk Hunter Trials is to encourage riders to improve their riding capabilities, so that they may have a safer and more fulfilling experience. By preparing for the trials and challenging ourselves to do a little more, we become more competent and more confident riders.

Happy Hunting,

Dominic Cammarata, MFH  
Owen Hughes, MFH  
Ruth Lawler, MFH  
Thomas E. Lewis, MFH

# Classes

## **Novice Qualified and Novice Open**

A lower course with jumps approximately 2'9"

### *(a) Novice qualified*

For riders, riding the horse/pony they regularly hunt, who have hunted with Norfolk at least four times in the current calendar year

### *(b) Novice open*

For any rider wishing to ride the novice course.

Horses competing in Novice divisions may NOT compete in any other division except Pairs

Riders competing in Novice Open division may NOT compete in the qualified divisions but may compete in pairs and in open on another horse.

## **Junior Qualified (under 18 years old) and Senior Qualified**

Jumps approximately 3' to 3'6"

For riders, who have hunted with Norfolk, riding the horse/pony they regularly hunt. Rider-horse combination must have hunted with Norfolk at least four times in the current calendar year. Ribbons will be awarded separately for junior and senior riders.

## **Open**

Jumps approximately 3' to 3'6"

Any rider-horse combination, provided horse has not competed in earlier classes. Juniors may compete in this class.

## **Pairs**

Jumps approximately 3' to 3'6"

Teams of riders to ride abreast or sequentially at their discretion. Abreast scores more points. Order may change during the course. No restrictions on entries. Horses and riders may have competed in earlier classes.

# Courses

## Novice

10-15 x-country fences (about 2'9") plus a "gone away," a "hold hard," a lead-over, and a gate opening and closing (mounted or un-mounted).

## Qualified and Open

20-25 x-country fences (about 3' to 3'6") including a modest ditch, plus a "gone away," a "hold hard," a lead-over and a mounted gate opening and closing.

## Pairs

10 x-country fences (about 3' to 3'6")

Jumps are numbered sequentially and must be taken in that order. Missing a fence will mean elimination.



# Special Obstacles

*Gone away* — accelerate from normal hunting pace to gallop and return to hunting pace at a designated interval. Judged on change in pace and horse's obedience.

*Hold hard* — stop at the sound of the hunting horn and stand quietly until told to proceed. Judged on obedience.

*Lead over* — dismount and lead horse over a low rail. Dismount, run up stirrups, lower top rail, lead horse over low rail, replace top rail. Remount. If horse will not cross rail within two minutes, a penalty will be imposed. Rider should continue.

*Gate* — riders must open and close a gate within two minutes while mounted. Failure to accomplish will result in a penalty. Rider should continue. Novice competitors may dismount to open and close gate, run up stirrups, as for lead-over.

## Attire

Formal hunt attire for qualified divisions, hunt or show attire for all others. Protective headgear is required.

# Scoring

There are two components to the score for each obstacle — 1. performance points for safety and style in negotiating the obstacle and 2. penalty deductions. These will be recorded separately:

## 1. Performance points

Maximum of 20 points per obstacle. Assigned by judges based on performance at the obstacle, as well as the approach and departure. Judges are looking for a safe, enjoyable, and visually pleasing ride.

The gone away, hold hard, gate and lead-over are all eligible for 20 performance points. If the rider is unable to complete the gate opening and closing or the lead-over within two minutes, the judge should award performance points as appropriate but impose the penalty below. If the rider does not change speed for the gone-away, fails to stop for the hold hard, or jumps the lead-over, no performance points should be awarded and the penalties below should be imposed.

## 2. Penalties

These are deductions. Penalty deductions are calculated separately from performance and may exceed the performance points.

### Regular fences and ditch

- a) first refusal — minus 5 points
- b) second refusal — minus 10 points  
(cumulative deduction is minus 15)
- c) third refusal - elimination
- d) fall of rider at obstacle — minus 10 points  
in addition to other deductions
- e) fall of horse at obstacle — elimination

### **Special Obstacles: Failure to perform/complete**

*Gone away* — failure to change speed — minus 10 points

*Hold hard* — failure to stop — minus 10 points

*Gate* — failure to complete in two minutes — minus 10 points

*Lead-over* — failure to complete in two minutes — minus 10 points

*Lead-over* — jumping while mounted — minus 10 points

A rider who is eliminated should leave the course immediately.

A rider may be eliminated if his horse stops, backs, rears or balks at the start or at any other point on the course for an unreasonable time period.

### **Falls**

A horse that falls at an obstacle is eliminated.

A horse that falls at a spot other than an obstacle may be eliminated if a judge determines that the horse's safety is at risk.

A rider who falls may receive assistance in retrieving her/his horse without penalty. If the rider appears disoriented after a fall, any judge in the vicinity should eliminate and get assistance.

# Past Trophy Winners

## The Horatio Hathaway Plate Norfolk Hunter Trials Perpetual Challenge Trophy

- 1935 Mr. Frances H. Burr's *Blue Skies*  
1936 Ms. Sylvia Warren's *The Chief*  
1937 Mr. George Lewis, Jr's *Kilconnel*  
1938 Mr. George Lewis, Jr.'s *Kilconnel*  
1939 Ms. Amelia Peabody's *Single Check*  
1940 Mr. George Lewis, Jr's *Kilconnel*  
1941 Mr. Nathaniel T. Clark's *Our William*  
1945 Ms. Anna C. Badger's *Cabby*  
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1948 Ms. Anna C. Badger's *Cabby*  
1949 Ms. Anna C. Badger's *Cabby*  
1950 Ms. Anna C. Badger's *Cabby*  
1951 Mr. Charles H. Wood's *Tis So*  
1952 Ms. Harriet M. Smith's *Thunderlark*  
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1955 Mr. Nathaniel T. Clark's *John Peel*  
1956 Mr. Nathaniel T. Clark's *Hickory*  
1957 Mr. Nathaniel T. Clark's *John Peel*  
1958 Ms. Alison Harrison's *Kanga*  
1959 Mr. Ferdinand M. Pitner's *Nimrod*  
1960 Mr. Nathaniel T. Clark's *Midnight Raid*  
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1965 Ms. Cornelia Clark Robert's *Estimayron*  
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1967 Mr. Richard C. Byron's *Beau*  
1970 Ms. Deborah Hoyt's *Pinnocchio*  
1976 Ms. Elizabeth C. Minot's *Michael H.*  
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1978 Ms. Elizabeth C. Minot's *Michael H.*  
1979 Bevin V. Cherot's *Toronto*  
1980 Mr. Milton J. Zabarsky's *Caliban*  
1981 Ms. Janet. F. Gray's *Shawn*  
1982 Ms. Joan L. Lyman's *Fid*  
1983 Mr. John H. Lewis' *Sam*  
1984 Ms. Linda Berkowitz's *Sid*  
1985 Ms. Linda Berkowitz's *Sid*  
1986 Mr. Nathan Berkowitz's *Crosby*  
1987 Ms. Linda Berkowitz's *Sid*  
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1996 Ms. Mary Crane's *Hobbes*  
1997 Mr. Owen P. Hughes' *Guns Lil Scamp*  
1998 Mr. Owen P. Hughes' *Good, Great n'Ya*  
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2000 Ms. Mary Crane's *Hobbes*  
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2002 Ms. Linda Berkowitz's *Country Gent*  
2003 Ms. Lucy L. Hemenway's *The Fox*  
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2006 Mr. Owen P. Hughes' *Briarwood*

2007 Ms. Wendy Collins-Gutfarb's *Linger Longer*  
2008 Mr. Owen P. Hughes' *Ben*  
2009 Ms. Carolyn Pope's *Tuxedo*  
2010 Mr. Dominic Cammarata's *Badger*  
2011 Mr. Dominic Cammarata's *Sam*

### **The Guns Lil Scamp Perpetual Trophy**

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2010 Mr. Dominic Cammarata's *Badger*  
2011 Mr. Dominic Cammarata's *Sam*  
2012 Mr. Michael Paparo's *Maverick*  
2013 Mr. Dominic Cammarata's *Brimson*  
2014 Ms. Carolyn Regan's *Oreo*  
Mr. Michael Paparo's *Sir Percival*



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### **Norfolk Hunt Club Junior Division**

- 1994 Michael Nally's *Lofly*
- 1995 Justine Powers's *Deacon Blue*
- 1996 Jaimie Budd's *Rockin Robin*
- 1997 Darcy Swaim's *Taproot Halley's Comet*
- 1998 Laura Kennedy's *Make Mine Chocolate*
- 1999 Alexandra Quayle's *Merlin*
- 2000 Rebecca L'Heureux's *Charley Says So*
- 2001 Jaimie Budd's *Refrigerator Perry*
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- 2003 Courtney Bogins' *Merlin the Magician*