

The Board of Directors of the Associated Horse Shows is pleased to once again sponsor two Hunter Derbies to be held in conjunction with the Huntingdon Valley Hunt Horse Show and Hunter Trials on Sunday, October 26, 2014. These classes are free of charge and are only open to AHS Members and Registered Horses and Ponies that have competed this season at least once in an AHS Show prior to October 26, 2014. If you or your horse are not currently registered, you may do so at the Oktoberfest at Worcester Stables on October 5, the Patty Miller Show on October 12<sup>th</sup>, or the Jentri Show on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Due to lack of entries in the Jumper Divisions, the Board has elected to not offer a Jumper Derby.

Horse or pony/rider combinations may only compete in one of the Derbies. Exhibitors must show in one of the divisions in the October 26<sup>th</sup> show to be eligible. Riders that have been competing this season at 2'3" or under are eligible for the 2' Hunter Derby. Those who have been showing at 2'6" or higher are eligible for the 2'6" Derby.

The Hunter Derbies will be run as a two round class. The first round is judged as a Hunter Classic with an emphasis on style and brilliance over a course of fences found typically in the hunt field. The second round is judged as a Handy Hunter with an emphasis on style, brilliance, and rideability. Only the top 8 competitors will be called back to ride the second round. Hunter derbies are technical in nature and include rollbacks, trot fences, and long gallops as well as option fences set at different heights and varying approaches. In the AHS 2' Derby the majority of the jumps will be set at 2' with the option fences at 2'3". In the AHS 2'6" Derby the course will be set at 2'6" and the option fences at 2'9".

In each of the Derbies, neck sashes will be awarded through 8<sup>th</sup> place. First place will also receive a scrim sheet and silver plate. Second place will receive a silver plate.

Please note that there will be a posted order of go for each of the Derbies. Exhibitors failing to enter the ring within 1 minute of their call to compete will forfeit their turn.