

The SNHSA show season kicked off on May 18 at Brownlee Equestrian with over 50 horses attending, and has continued strong with close to 100 horses competing at the 8th annual Meadow View Farms Charity Horse Show benefitting the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation (NNCCF) on June 28 - 30, 2019. The show was started by the Mullins Family after one of their young riders was diagnosed with cancer, as their way to give back to the community that they have been a part of for over 40 years. The inaugural show, in 2012, put together with the help of some of their clients, was a one day show that raised \$10,000. Now, 8 years later, they have the support of the larger community; now a three-day format, the show has raised over \$300,000 for the local charity. With classes from Walk Trot to 1.20m Jumpers, and a Jumper Team Relay, Jumper Derby, and Hunter Derby, there is something for everyone, exhibitors and spectators alike.

On Friday night, Leslie Biederman, along with teammates McKenna Owen and Keighley Bader, were the winners of the Jumper Derby Team Relay, sponsored by Reno Green Landscaping. The teams are encouraged to wear costumes for the Relay and the winning team was dressed to impress as Baywatch, in the iconic red suits.

“The MVF Charity Horse Show is one of my favorite shows on the West Coast. While it is only a locally-rated horse show, the quality of the jumps, decorations, course designing, judges, and special classes rivals some prestigious A-rated shows. The Reno Green Landscaping Jumper Derby Relay, held on Friday night with a cocktail party and hors d’oeuvres offered for the spectators in the VIP tent, is an incredibly fun event with teams of three each jumping six jumps at their respective heights. I absolutely love the fact that this high-quality show is affordable to the local riders who might not have the means to go to prestigious A shows like Sonoma, Thermal/Coachella, or the Oaks, but they can enjoy an A rated -type experience locally here in Northern Nevada. On a personal level, the Charity Show is very meaningful to me because in 2013 it was my very first show to ride in after a 25 year hiatus, and where I won my first blue ribbons as an amateur rider. As I result, I joined the volunteer committee to help with the fundraising and organization of the event, and it is the most rewarding experience for me!!”

On Saturday, Andrew Jayne, trainer at Maplewood Stables, and Dardam Q, owned by Katherine Miller Devre, were the winners of the Tahoe Luxury Properties Jumper Derby. Earlier in the day, the pair won the Level 1 Jumper Stake and proved to be on an unbeatable hot streak. The Jumper Derby course, which included galloping across 2 arenas, a grob, a bank, and riding out of the arenas to jump a combination set on the path right in front of the crowd, was no problem for Andrew and Dardem Q. They were third to go in a field of 22 entries and setting the time to beat, the pair held the lead for the remainder of the class!

Sunday morning, spectators enjoyed the mimosa brunch and beautiful horses, while the exhibitors were able to experience the the new Hunt and Go format. Riders jumped across 2 arenas, and had 8 fences of a classic round, which then carried right into the handy round for 8 fences. After both rounds were scored, it was Liz Reader, owner of Pair of Aces Stables, and California BF, owned by Landess Witmer, with the highest combined score, winning the Panattoni Hunter Derby being

“The annual NNCCF fundraiser show is an event that myself and my clients look forward to all

year. Pair Of Aces Stables has attended every year since its start in 2012, and with each year the event has grown and become so much more than a local show. The Mullins family has done such an amazing job making it a community event that is both sanctioned by SNHSA, and is also home to 3 special derbies, all of which are designed to be spectator events-something that we are often missing in our sport. The entire event runs smoothly with the help of professional show secretaries, announcers and ring crew, which gives my riders a chance to experience the atmosphere of a much bigger show without having to travel far from home. While this show experience is a huge draw, being able to support the NNCCF is such an important piece of this show to me and my clients. All too often we as riders and trainers get so caught up in our own lives and our clients results that we can lose perspective. An event like this allows us to support a phenomenal local cause, and throughout the weekend we all have the opportunity to remember that we are there for a greater purpose. Everyone at the show is working together to raise money and awareness for something so much bigger than ourselves. This year, winning the Panattoni Hunter Derby was the icing on the cake of a very successful show, both for myself and for my clients. "California BF"- known as Swoop, owned by Bruce and Landess Witmer, has been a part of my program for 4 years now, and we won this derby together in 2017. After a 4 year partnership, we have become a great team, and I knew we had a chance at the win again this year. Swoop felt fantastic from the moment we walked into the arena, and I was able to ride the course exactly as I had planned. I knew we had put together a quality round, but when the scores were announced I was thrilled with how the judges rewarded our efforts, and was honored to be this years winner. As the weekend came to a close my riders were already talking about how much fun they had, and what their plans for next years events are going to include."

There are winners both in and out of the arena during the Meadow View Farms Charity Horse Show... with raffle and silent auction items, live auction items, and a calcutta before the start of each derby, everyone has a chance to be a part of the show and help raise money for NNCCF. A family that has received support from the charity also comes each day and shares their story, giving everyone an opportunity to see first hand the impact of their donations. Andrew Jayne sums up the sentiment of the show saying, "Looking back on the 2019 Meadow View Farms Charity Horse Show, I can't help but feel thankful: to the people who work so hard to put this on for us every year, I appreciate the time and effort; to the community for coming together for such a good cause and making a difference through a fun and inspiring event; and to the clients and people who allow us all to be able to appreciate these creatures for what they give us. Thank you everyone! I can't wait for next year!" Neither can we!

SNHSA is also proud of the education opportunities the organization provides to its members. Our Junior Ambassador Program was revamped in 2019 and now includes four educational clinics taught by Julie Winkle at Maplewood Stables, a hands-on work-study program and a community project. The program, partially funded by a generous USHJA grant, encourages junior riders to not only learn about horsemanship, but to serve their community. While the workshops are a part of the Junior Ambassador Program, they are open to all SNHSA members, including amateurs, professionals and parents. The first clinic was held on Jun. 17 and focused on Course Design and Strategy. Upcoming workshops are a Judging Clinic on Aug. 1, a Conformation Clinic on Aug. 9, and the Mental and Physical Preparedness Clinic on Aug. 31.

Upcoming shows will be at Brownlee Equestrian on July 13, and at Meadow View Farms on

Aug. 3, which also includes a SNHSA Town Hall Meeting. For full details on our events, please see the calendar of events on our website, [www.SNHSA.org](http://www.SNHSA.org). To answer questions, contact information for SNHSA board members is available on the website. We look forward to hearing from you!

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