New Hampshire Youth Compete in 2015 Horse Quiz Bowl

Over 70 4-H members from throughout the state attended the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest held on Saturday January 17th at Pembroke Academy in Pembroke NH. Seven Senior Teams and Four Junior Teams competed with other 4-H members to demonstrate their horse knowledge in a fast paced contest, where members race to activate their buzzers and answer questions faster than their competitors. In the senior division, the top competitors can earn a spot on the team that represents NH at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville Kentucky in November.

In the senior division, Rockingham County had the winning team, followed by Merrimack County in second and Hillsborough County in third place. The contest winner was Jackie Johnson of Rockingham County with Maria Young from Hillsborough County second, and Amie Weagle of Coos County third. In the junior division, Rockingham County was first place, with Coos County in second and Cheshire County in third place. Karissa Martin from Rockingham County won first place honors, with Megan Mangum of Carroll County in second place and Taime Ronish of Coos County third.

In addition to the competition, there were opportunities to visit the activity room to participate in some hands-on learning about horses and horse care, to meet new friends from other parts of the state and to guess the identity of some uncommon horse equipment.

The Merrimack County 4-H Horse Leaders hosted a non-competitive novice Horse Quiz Bowl event for younger members ages 8-11. Those members were able to participate in all the non-competitive activities, such as the book swap and the activity room.

Full Results:

Senior Division Individuals:
1st place Jackie Johnson, Rockingham County
2nd place Maria Young, Hillsborough County
3rd Place Amie Weagle, Coos County
4th Place Hana Testerman, Merrimack County
5th Place Courtney Duclos, Merrimack County
6th Place Ashley Foss, Merrimack County
7th Place Emily Hauptman, Merrimack County
8th Place Keelin Berger, Rockingham County
9th Place Kayla Murphy, Rockingham County
10th Place Cody Gleason, Rockingham County

Senior Division Team Placing:
1st place Welsh, Rockingham County
2nd place Unicorn, Merrimack County
3rd Place Haflinger, Hillsborough County
4th Place  New Forest, Coos County
5th Place  POA, Rockingham County
6th Place  Hackney, Cheshire & Hillsborough Counties,
7th Place  Shetland, Carroll County

Junior Division Individuals:
1st place  Karissa Martin, Rockingham County
2nd place  Megan Mangum, Carroll County
3rd Place  Taime Ronish, Coos County
4th Place  Hannah Sethi, Cheshire County
5th Place  Margaret Thomas, Cheshire County
6th Place  Anna Guda, Merrimack County
7th Place  Aviara Challinor, Coos County
8th Place  Kaiden Bedell, Coos County
9th Place  Owen Greenwood, Cheshire County
10th Place  Sophie Szaniawski, Rockingham County

Junior Division Team Placing:
1st Place  Friesians from Rockingham and Carroll Counties
2nd Place  Trakehners from Coos County
3rd Place  Hessians from Cheshire County
4th Place  Dutch Warmbloods from Cheshire, Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties

Highlights:
- 21 competitive Horse Quiz Bowl Rounds were played in the Junior and Senior Rooms.
- 700+ questions were asked of the Junior and Senior Contestants (plus novice rounds and fun scrimmage at the end, involving another 200+ questions).
- 13 Junior Members ages 12-13 competed.
- 26 Senior Members ages 14-18 competed.
- 7 Senior Members volunteered to help run the event.
- 15 adults volunteered for Junior and Senior Horse Quiz Bowl and Activity room (many more for Novice Horse Quiz Bowl).
- 50+ members visited the activity room where they learned about measuring horses, anatomy and physiology, safety, different horse sports. 37 members completed the scavenger hunt portion of the activity room.
- 31 Novice Members ages 8-11 participated in the Novice Hors Quiz Bowl event sponsored by Merrimack County 4-H Horse Leaders.

About New Hampshire 4-H
The 4-H Youth Development program brings positive learning experiences to New Hampshire youth between the ages of five and 18 through clubs, after-school activities, camps, teen conferences, and other events aimed at expanding knowledge and encouraging community engagement and leadership. New Hampshire 4-H is administered by UNH Cooperative Extension. For more information, visit www.extension.unh.edu.
Above: Three Hillsborough County 4-H Members show off the horses they made in the Activity Room at the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest.

Above: The NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest Activity Room included hands-on learning about horse anatomy and physiology.

Above: Junior contestants ready to show their horse knowledge at the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest on January 17, 2015.
Left: A fun scrimmage at the conclusion of the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest.

Right: A member learns about Horse Body Condition Score in the Activity Room at the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest.

Left: The top 10 individual winners in the Senior Division at the NH 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Contest: Top row L to R: Ashley Foss, Merrimack County 6th, Emily Hauptman, Merrimack County 7th, Hana Testerman, Merrimack County 4th, Jackie Johnson, Rockingham County 1st, Cody Gleason, Rockingham County, 10th. Front Row: Courtney Duclos, Merrimack County 5th, Maria Young, Hillsborough County 2nd, Keelin Berger, Rockingham County 8th, Kayla Murphy, Rockingham County 9th. Missing: Amie Weagle, Coos County 3rd.