













2020 Annual Report

GMHA President's Letter

From the Executive Director

By Robert Piro

By Bruce Perry

When I accepted the position of Board President last year, no one would have anticipated what a year it was going to be! GMHA had just finished a very successful 2019 season and was looking forward to a bright 2020. March brought stay-at-home orders and uncertainty as to what the future might bring. Travel restrictions and public gathering limits resulted in GMHA having to cancel all its events through June. All the outside organizations that hold competitions at GMHA canceled their seasons entirely. Finally in late June, some clarity came to the situation as the Vermont government issued travel guidance, eased gathering restrictions and opened hotels up to people from out of state. Through the hard work and adaptability of the GMHA staff, we were able to conduct events during the second half of the season. These were purposely smaller in nature as GMHA, competitors, officials and volunteers grappled with competing under these new circumstances.

Even with the successful events held during the second half of the season, GMHA was still left with a significant budget deficit. The GMHA Board was supportive of the efforts to run competitions, even at a loss, if they could be held safely. Fortunately, we were able to apply for and receive Federal and State grants that allowed GMHA to stay operational. However, going forward into 2021 and beyond is still a bit murky.

Some good news for our future is that in June GMHA was approached by a private foundation and was asked to submit a request for financial support to offset the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We learned in August that we received a \$250,000 Challenge Grant from the Manton Foundation. This is an amazing opportunity for GMHA. Donations to GMHA will be matched 1:1 up to \$250,000, thereby doubling your gift. The grant will allow GMHA to rebuild its reserves as we head into uncertainty for the next couple of years.

On behalf of GMHA, I want to thank our members, business members, competitors, officials, donors, volunteers and everybody who makes GMHA so special in their support both this year and into the future. We hope that you all stay safe and that the success of vaccine distribution will begin to tame the pandemic. We are all looking forward to another successful year in 2021, however travel restrictions may still be in place for the first half of the year.

After starting as Executive Director on November 1, 2019, I was poised to continue the good work that all of us at GMHA had started under Tracy's leadership. A solid hard working staff was in place and was augmented in December by Wendy Allen starting as Office Manager and Trails Secretary. Our competitions were mostly at capacity and competitors were happy with their experience at GMHA. The outlook for the 2020 season was bright.

This all came to a halt for GMHA, New England and most of the Country in March. Community lockdowns, travel restrictions and uncertainty looking into the future put GMHA's 2020 season in doubt. GMHA quickly adapted by setting up the staff to work from home and worked on plans to move competition dates and as a last resort cancel them. We worked on management plans based on the current science that would allow competitors safely back onto the property to compete. The result was that all the events planned for May and June were cancelled or moved to later in the summer. Finally in the middle of June as Vermont eased restrictions, some clarity provided GMHA a way to start holding competitions. The event managers found officials, judges and volunteers willing to come to GMHA and met the continuing travel restrictions. These competitions were smaller, prohibited spectators and had social gathering restrictions but were able to happen. As happy as the competitors were about being able to compete, we at GMHA were happy to have them. The season ended with every discipline being able to have at least one competition.

Financially, cancelling half of the proposed competitions had a devastating impact on GMHA's revenues. Approximately 79% of GMHA's annual income is made up of entry fees. The Board was extremely supportive to the staff as we adapted with the changes and our efforts to hold competitions. At the end of the year, GMHA's financial situation was not as dire as had been forecasted to the Board in May. We are able to look forward to the 2021 season with the experience in how to put on competitions and with the optimism of that if we can handle 2020 then we can build on that for 2021. With the receipt of Federal and Vermont State grants, GMHA will be able to meet its obligations going into the 2021 season. Looking further into the future, GMHA's receipt of the Manton Foundation Challenge Grant in August will help solidify GMHA's financial position into the future. All donations to GMHA will be matched 1:1 up to \$250,000 through June 30, 2021.

These are exciting times and we hope to see you back at GMHA next year.

GMHA Recieves \$250,000 Challenge Grant from The Manton Foundation

GMHA is pleased to announce the receipt of a Challenge Grant from The Manton Foundation. The goal is to expand the number of and deepen the engagement with GMHA's prospective and current donors during the COVID-19 period and beyond. GMHA is reaching out to the entire community to ask for support. All donations up to \$250,000 will be matched 1:1 through June 30, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic GMHA has had to cancel over half of its competitions and clinics during the 2020 season, thus creating a significant strain on the organization's finances. The Manton Challenge will substantially offset lost revenue and ensure that GMHA enters the 2021 season on sound footing.

GMHA thanks all of its members, competitors, business sponsors and donors for their continued support during this challenging time and invites them, and new members of the community, to help meet the Manton Challenge.

The Manton Foundation, established in 1991 by Jim and Gretchen Manton, has given out over \$300 million in grant funding to initiatives in the New England region of the country with an emphasis on relationship and community building. Jim Manton's success in the business world opened the door to start a charitable foundation to support the family's local and artistic interests. The Foundation is family-run and continues to engage with the equestrian community, including a \$250,000 matching grant for the USEA's frangible technology funding.

Questions can be directed to Bruce Perry, Executive Director by phone at (802)-457-1509 or by email at bruce@gmhainc.org.

On the Trail to Sustain 250k 200k 100k 50k Green Mountain Horse Association Covid Challenge • December 9, 2020

2020 in Review



1,415 Event Participants

◆ 48% from last year



3,000+
COVID-19 Waivers Signed



P. River St. Ex.

Educational Events Cancelled
Junior Horsemanship Clinic

Junior Horsemanship Clinic June Eventing Clinic USEA Young Riders Clinic Lucinda Green Clinic

> 9 Virtual Educational Events Added



GMHA Event Days

52 41 Cancelled

• 63% from last year



Canadian competitors
were able to participate
this year due to
travel restrictions





41 out of 60 Members' Days Held



"2020 was a very difficult year on so many levels. It was so nice to pull in to GMHA, masks on and COVID agreements in hand, and get back to 'normal'. It was nice to see friends, walk courses and ride. Everyone was grateful and very happy to be back doing what they love. Thank you GMHA!"

Laurie Hudson

Trail Riding





882020 CTR & Endurance
Competitors

228
2020 Pleasure Riders









Several of our CTR events were run pass/fail (allowed by ECTRA for this year) in order to reduce contact, to speed up vetting process and because points would not be counted towards year end ECTRA awards, only mileage.

- 25/25/50-Mile Ride
- Distance Days (15, 25, 35, 40 & 60-Mile Rides)

Champions

- Distance Days 100-Mile Grand Champion: Susan Boyer, Daystar Maserati
- Fall Endurance 30-Mile Limited Distance: Susan Boyer, Daystar Maserati
- Fall Endurance 50-Mile: Heather Hoyns, Marchesa Garbo

Pleasure Rides

- Twilight Pleasure Ride
- Distance Days
- Fall Foliage Rides
- Members' Days
- Hunter Pace-Cancelled due to weather

12 Trail Event Days







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Eventing





COVID-19 SCHEDULE CHANGES June Horse Trials Cancelled Area 1 Championships postponed until 2021 June Horse Trials



Festival of Eventing Winners

Open Intermediate – Anna Loschiavo / Spartacus Q Open Prelim — Bevin Dugan / Cape Cal Prelim Rider – Megan Tardiff / Vindakova Jr. Training — Eliza Quigley / Contaro Open Training — Heather Navarrete / Javas Mystery Man Prelim/Training – Lea Adams-Blackmore / Fernhill Frostbite Training Rider — Alexandra Kavouksorian / The Alchemist Jr. Novice — Eloise Plante / Mr. Lickety Novice Rider A — Andrea Brainard / Watson's Beijing Novice Rider B - Pamela Bolek / Well Decorated Open Novice – Marcia Kulak / Gran Torino Open Novice Wknd – Jennifer Eddy / Poker Run Beg. Novice Rider — Chloe Ruhan / Baciami Jr. Beg. Novice — Kendall Turney / Take Another Road Open Beg. Novice A – Annie Barron / Lil' Debbie Open Beg. Novice B – Marian Pomeroy / Romance II Open Beg. Novice C – Lydia Foster / Oidhre Leir Fernhill Irish Sport Horse Award: Heather Navarrete / Java's

Mystery Man



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Starter Trials Winners

Jr. Pre-Elementary: Ella Cutts / Sugar

Sr. Pre-Elementary: Jane Gurzenda / Tennessee Whiskey

Jr. Elementary CT: Nora Keane / Wap's Magic N'Motion

Jr. Elementary A: Piper Jordan / Sugar Maple

Jr. Elementary B: Morgan Ellis-Makovsky / Rhythm In Blues

Sr. Elementary: Pam Sorton / Bay Run Encore

Jr. Beg. Novice A: Chenoweth Donohue / Northern Illusion

Jr. Beg. Novice B: Anna Meretei / Regent Street

Sr. Beg. Novice A: Eliza Eddy / LVS Jackson

Sr. Beg. Novice B: Madison Tilton / Native Twister

Sr. Beg. Novice C: Jennifer Eddy / Peaddar

Jr. Novice: Beale Dunne / Redoubtable WE

Sr. Novice: Alysabeth Simon / Aguila

Sr. Training/Novice CT: Alysabeth Simon / Winter's Silence

Jr. Training/Novice: Sophie Tullar / Marquet Rise Sr. Training/Novice: Nicole Leikert / Sirocco

Sr. Prelim CT: Kaitlyn Sutherland / Indian Summer

September Horse Trials Winners

Open Prelim: Kylie Lyman / Da Vinvi Code Prelim Rider: Laurie Seely / One Of The Girls Jr. Training: Amanda Gardiner / Miller's Law

Open Training: Stephanie Jackson / Drumloman Lad Training Rider: Ann Grenier / Almost Famous

Jr. Novice A: Maggie Sheehan / Absoroka Jr. Novice B: Emma Armstrong / Newman

Novice Rider A: Melissa Alaimo / Fascinating Rhythm Novice Rider B: Jennifer Lingeman / Marana Samson

Jaydun

Open Novice A: Alison Eastman-Lawler / Lexington II

Open Novice B: Sue Berrill / Lally Move On Beg. Novice Rider A: Gabriella Curtin / Oceana Beg. Novice Rider B: Anneka Paelinck / Maleficent

Jr. Beg. Novice A: Molly Czub / Penguin Jr. Beg. Novice B: Lydia Foster / Oidhre Leir

Open Beg. Novice: Alexandra Naja / Who Can Charm







Thank You to Our Course Builder **Jamie Gornall & New Course Designer Morgan Rowsell**

Days of Competition

425 Competitors in 2020



Driving



77 Competitors





Combined Test & Arena Driving Trial Combined Test

Training Champ: Stephanie Gill Manville & Coco Training Reserve: Erica Robb & Bekland Lady Pepper

Prelim Champ: Norma Katz & Battersea Toulouse Prelim Reserve:Andy Marcoux & Buzz Lightyear/ Susan Lathrop & Time For A Tucker at Little Church

Int Champ: Nancy Dimick & Randallane Narnia
Int reserve: Wilson Groves & Elton

Arena Driving Trial

Training Champ: Tina Silva & Pearl
Training Reserve: Stephanie Gill -Manville & Coco
Prelim Champ: Andy Marcoux & Loretta
Prelim Reserve: Diego Rubio & Fferm Gwenffwd
Onyx Star
Int Champ: Susan Van Huis & Brymstone's
Chaucer
Int Reserve: Henry Tarryk & Whinnorwill King

Int Reserve: Henry Tarryk & Whipporwill King Jubilee

Horse Driving Trial Combined Test

Training Champ: Tina Silva & Pearl
Training Reserve: Susan Wong & Wicked
Prelim Champ: Michele Johnson & Golden
Sunset

Prelim Reserve: Andy Marcoux & Loretta Int Champ: Sara Reitz & Awesome George Int reserve: Nancy Dimick & Randallane Narnia

Horse Driving Trial

Training Champ: Susan Wong & Jewel
Training Reserve: Cynthia Blivin & Stonecroft
Fancy Package & Foxbrush US Remember Me
Prelim Champ: Andy Marcoux & Loretta
Prelim Reserve: Jenny Kimberly & Lucas
Int Champ: Sara Schmitt & Goldwine TVF
Int Reserve: Sarah Reitz & Awesome George





2:14.28 Fastest Time in

Fall Driving Derby

8 Days of Competition



Photos by Shawn Tinkham Photography.

5 Days of Driving Clinics

Fall Driving Classic

Combined Test

Training Champ: Ellin Goetz && Corkscrew Corrigan Training Reserve: Stephanie Gill-Manville & Coco Prelim Champ: Norma Katz & Battersea Toulouse Prelim Reserve: Chip Kendall & Jake

Int Champ: Robin Groves & Thor's Toy Truck
Int Reserve: Wilson Groves & Elton

Derby Champions

Training: Tina Silva & Pearl (2:30.00)
Prelim: Norma Katz & Battersea Toulouse (2:19.28)
Int: Nancy Dimick & Randallane Narnia (2:06.22)

Pleasure Show Champions

Antiques Carriage Award: Cynthia Bliven & Foxbrush US Remember Me & Stonecroft Fancy Package High Point of the Show: Robin Groves & In Due Time Milton Long High Point Single Pony: Nancy Dimick & Randallane Narnia High Point Single Horse: Robin Groves & In Due Time

Hunter Jumper



2,170
Total Trips









7Days of Competition

Summer Hunter Jumper Show

NEHC Rated — VHJA Affiliated — M&S Medals & Classics 2' Puddle Derby: Shamrock — Lulu Carney 2'6" Hunter Derby: Fantasia — Clara Palmer 3' Hunter Derby: Darko C — Grace Taylor

Bateman Horse Transportation Team Jumper Challenge

Sponsored by Bateman Horse Transportation

2'6" Team Jumper Challenge: Twitchell Hill — John Burgess & Butch Cassidy, Chris Dayton & Perseus, Nina Matt & Piper

3'Team Jumper Challenge: Twichell Hill Two — Brian Napack & Quel Quidam, John Burgess & Swatch, Katy Waterman & Jade, Paige Bohlig & Classic 3'6" Team Jumper Challenge: Team ALE — Anna Loschiavo & Fernhill That Guy Jack, Aiden Schain & Fernhill Hotshot, Riley Onega & Spartacus Q, Hannah Smith & Bittersweets Aurora



August Hunter Jumper Show & Derby Day

NEHC Rated — VHJA Affiliated — MHC Affiliated — M&S Medals & Classics

Jr/Adult Amateur Equitation Derby 2'6":
Sophia Margola — Kalife
Jr/Adult Amateur Equitation Derby 3':
Jennifer DePietro — Ensign On Deck RGS
Jr/Adult Amateur Hunter Derby 2'6":
Spellbound — Chelsea Lawrence
3' Hunter Derby: Cartier — Casey Norton





268 Competitors

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Dressage



647Rides Down Centerline



329 Competitors



5 Days of Competition



Dressage Days

High Scores (Friday)

Tr Jr/YR: Herzgold 5 / Lucy Koerner Tr AA: Ziggy Stardust / Lisa Cross Tr Open: Sparticus LHF / Zoe Flannery

1st Jr/YR:Chico Dulce Viento / Lillian BenoitReserve

1st AA: Lotus / Victoria Kahn-Sinclair

1st Open: L'Etoile JKA / Kerstin LaudemannReserve

2nd Jr/YR: Maestro / Grace Young 2nd AA: Lark / Dinah Rojek

2nd Open: Don't Tell / Lucy Schreuer

3rd Jr/YR: CBMF Stolen Kisses / Olivia Massotti 3rd AA: Herodotus Interagro / Lila Gierasch

3rd Open: Don Gavilan / Jutta Lee 4th AA: Como / Amy O'Neil

4th Open: ZZ Top 4 / Anne Barbarick FEI Jr/YR: Wrigley / Ashley Cauvel

FEI AA: Galileo / Sara Smith

FEI Open: Divers-W / Kim Litwinczak

High Scores (Saturday & Sunday)

Tr Jr/YR: Herzgold 5 / Lucy Koerner Tr AA: Ziggy Stardust / Lisa Cross Tr Open: Sparticus LHF / Zoe Flannery 1st Jr/YR: Mystic Max / Finley Peterson 1st AA: Ballantine / Lauren Simon

1st Open: L'Etoile JKA / Kerstin LaudemannReserve

2nd Jr/YR: Maestro / Grace Young 2nd AA: Davenport / Margaret Koerner 2nd Open: Get Ready / Sarah Jane Arthur 3rd Jr/YR: Scandal LWF / Brenna Donovan

3rd AA: Expert ACB / Beth Harbin

3rd Open: Atterupgaards Manilla/ Carly Neilson

4th Jr/YR: Bella Ymas / Isabella Thorpe

4th AA: Como / Amy O'Neil

4th Open: ZZ Top 4 / Anne Barbarick FEI Jr/YR: Wrigley / Ashley Cauvel

FEI AA: Baximiliana / Kerry Riess-Choukas FEI Open: Grand Affaire /Emma Batchelder





Fall Dressage Show

High Scores of the Show

Tr Open: Furst Samour / Karin Persson
Tr AA: First Class Finnegan / Kira Benson
Tr Jr/YR: Denlore's Royal Beau / Maya Gaines
1st AA: All That N' More / Maggie Knowlton
1st Open: Mr. Wonderful / Polly Schmid
1st Jr/YR: Capstone's MJ Tasmania / Kathryn

Sterritt

2nd Open: Silent Darkness / Crystal Little

2nd AA: Idola B. / Karen Wilson

2nd Jr/YR: Mystic Max / Finley Peterson 3rd Open: Gigi / Katherine Cooper 3rd AA: Wilhelm II 121 / Paula Enos 4th Open: Faldo / Tanya Rennie 4th AA: Perazzi DS / Jennifer Barrett

FEI Open: Cloud Dancer Casimo HE WE / Viviane PilicyFEI AA: Baximiliana / Kerry Riess-Choukas



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Trail Network & Resources





Spring Trail Work

10 volunteers came out to clean up trails, cut trees, clear clogged culverts, cut back brush on trails. 65+ chainsaw worthy trees cut and cleared from trails

65 +Trees Removed

Trail Work Projects

We repaired two bad culverts this year on key trails.

Skywalker Trail

This project was a collaborative effort between GMHA, three landowners and the snowmobile club to repair a failed culvert on the trail.

Heartbreak Hill - Reading Farms

The existing culvert was too small to handle the amount of water that flowed through it. It was replaced with a much larger culvert to hold up long term.

Landowner Appreciation

We were not able to hold the annual Landowner Appreciation Dinner this year due to COVID-19, but our Landowner Ambassadors sent out personal thank you notes to all the landowners to show our continued appreciation for use of their trails.

Special Thanks to Birch Hill Farm

for their continued generosity in

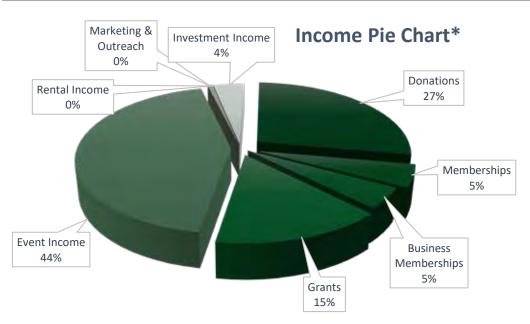
allowing us the use of their land & supporting our young rider awards.

To Our 950 GMHA Members:

Thank you for being a member and ensuring GMHA will continue to exist for generations to come and will continue to preserve this land and our important legacy in the equestrian community.

The GMHA Financial Picture

Analysis of Revenue Sources



| INCOME: *11 months | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Donations | \$275,729.00 |
| Memberships | \$50,030.00 |
| Business Memberships | \$46,858.00 |
| Grants | \$152,644.00 |
| Event Income | \$439,562.00 |
| Marketing and Outreach | \$4,117.00 |
| Rental Income | \$1,600.00 |
| Investment | \$38,133.72 |
| Income Total: | \$1,008,673.72 |

Analysis of Expense Sources

| EXPENSE: | * 11 | months |
|-----------------|------|--------|
| Administrat | ive | |

 Administrative
 \$463,478.00

 Event
 \$275,165.00

 Communications & Marketing
 \$22,790.00

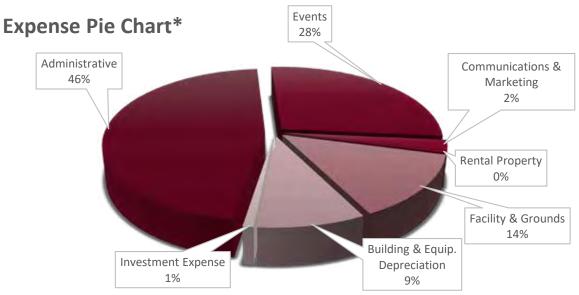
 Rental Property
 \$3,218.00

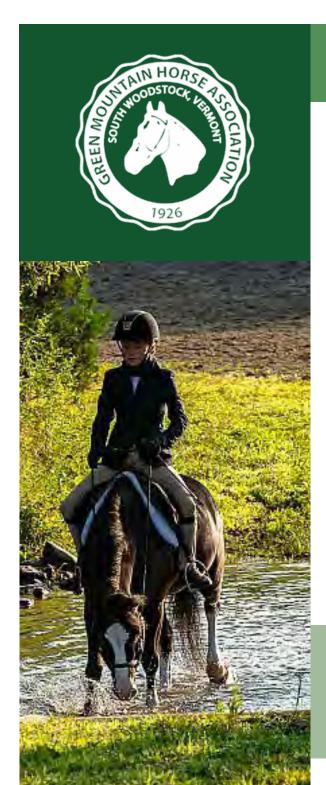
 Facility & Grounds
 \$134,078.00

 Building & Equip. Depreciation
 \$90,438.00

 Investment Expense
 \$9,081.17

 Expense Total:
 \$998,248.17





Green Mountain Horse Association

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Bruce Perry, Executive Director

Hannah Bright, Event Manager

Jill Bogert, Event Manager

Kelly Cyr, Event Manager

Ellen Tully, Bookkeeping & Ranch House

Wendy Allen, Office Manager & Trails Secretary

Grounds Crew

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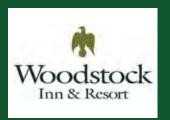






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The Shire
Sleep Woodstock
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St. Pierre, Inc.
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Anything Printed
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Gambol Hill Farm
Horse & Hound Farmhouse
June Hill Farm
Trafalgar Square Books

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