

**Delta honours its 2008 year end award winners**



A gala honouring the 60th anniversary of the Delta Riding Club and its 2008 year end award winners attracted nearly 70 guests at the posh Town and Country Inn, November 15. And if the milestone anniversary wasn't enough to celebrate, the club is also rejoicing its most successful show season since relocating to new facilities just over five years ago. Blessed with excellent weather and a group of hard-core volunteers, this year's show season boasted some classes with over 20 entries. And new year end eligibility rules made this year's awards especially sweet and deserved for DRC members.

The race for the overall championship was between two intermediate riders, Devon Smith, 14, and Brittany Littler, 16. While Brittany scored the lion's share of class awards, it was Devon and her five year old APHA-registered mare, SW Roxy Barlink, who ultimately was named the 2008 Aggregate Champion by a slim 13 points. Devon and Roxy were also awarded the Buster Bojo Brown Versatility award, having successfully competed in English and Western Showmanship, both Pleasures and Trail. It's the first time since 2003 the trophy - honouring the versatility of long-time DRC member Cheryl Brodie's Appaloosa gelding who passed away in 1992 - has been presented. Devon and Roxy, who train with Adiva Murphy, also competed in Games (they were reserve champion behind Kara Lingam and Dinero) and Dressage, where they scored a not-too-shabby 60% at their first show last Spring. They also won the 2008 Trail championship sponsored by the Warland family, the first time that award has come out of the trophy case in a few years.

Not to be outdone, Brittany and her 15 year old half Arab/half Saddlebred mare, LS Desire Me, scored some equally impressive wins by earning the club's highest honours in both English and Equitation, and reserve overall in Western, behind Cathy Glover and her five year old Paint mare, Adobe Sunglow. Brittany, one of DRC's 2008 princesses (her sister, Erika was named Miss DRC earlier this year), also was the members' choice for the club's annual Sportsmanship award, and won numerous class awards in both English and Western.

Eleven year old McKenna Mintzler rode the Brodie family's Ger-Lante to top honours in the Walk/Trot division, earning the distinction of being the first exhibitor to be awarded a new perpetual sponsored by the Hanney family. McKenna and Ger-Lante had an outstanding season, winning some very large walk/trot classes earlier in the year. McKenna was also awarded the "Horse on Course" Horsemanship perpetual, which honours exhibitors who demonstrate compassion toward their four-legged friends on show day.

Cathy Glover was named the club's "most enthusiastic" member, while another club princess, Jamie Tarlier, was considered "most improved." Special appreciation was awarded to first year member (and entry office computer whiz) Cindy MacKay, while Lisa Hanney won the Wayne Schiewe Memorial award for her efforts to bring back the Miss DRC pageant and work with the club's youth members.

Overall pony went to Linda Rainbow and Contessa. Madelyn Forsyth rode Della to the top Dressage award, while Alicia Harper - who won a litany of class awards over the course of the evening - won the overall Hunter/Jumper with her five-year-old Paint mare Hylee Classical QT.



# 2008 YEAR END AWARD RECIPIENTS

CLASS	CHAMPION	RESERVE CHAMPION
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## ENGLISH CLASS AWARDS

Leadline	Jack Mintzler / Ger-Lante (10)	
English Showmanship	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (17)	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (15)
English Halter	Colours / Katie Johnson (15)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (14)
English Turnout	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (24)	Colours / Katie Johnson (17)
English Pleasure Pony	Contessa / Linda Rainbow (10)	N/A
English Pleasure Senior Rider	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (14)	Princess / McCartney Greenfield (6)
English Pleasure Intermediate Rider	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (25)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (17)
English Pleasure Junior Rider	Colours / Katie Johnson (15)	Princess / Morganne Cochrane (9)
English Pleasure Walk/Trot	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (28)	Princess / Jenna Tipping (11)
English Pleasure Walk/Trot/Ind Ctr	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (26)	N/A
English Pleasure Open	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (23)	Colours / Katie Johnson (8)
Road Hack Open	Colours / Katie Johnson (7)	After Ten / Jamie Tarlier (3)
Basic Seat Senior Rider	Alicia Harper / Hylee Classical QT (10)	N/A
Basic Seat Intermediate Rider	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (26)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (12)
Basic Seat Junior Rider	Katie Johnson / Colours (11)	N/A
Basic Seat Walk Trot	McKenna Mintzler / Ger-Lante (17)	Jillian Alexander / Northern Presence (7)
Basic Seat Walk Trot Ind Ctr	McKenna Mintzler / Ger-Lante (17 (17)	N/A
Basic Seat Open	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (14)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (9)
.....		After Ten / Jamie Tarlier (9)
Show Hack Open	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (10)	N/A
Hunter Under Saddle Senior Rider	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (8)	N/A
Hunter Under Saddle Intermediate Rider	After Ten / Jamie Tarlier (7)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (6)
Hunter under Saddle Walk Trot	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (25)	N/A
Hunter under Saddle Walk Trot Ind Ctr	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (1)	N/A
Hunter under Saddle Open	Colours / Katie Johnson (10)	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (10)
Hunt Seat Equitation Senior Rider	Alicia Harper /Hylee Classical QT (8)	N/A
Hunt Seat Equitation Intermediate Rider	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (11)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (9)
Hunt Seat Equitation Walk/Trot	McKenna Mintzler / Ger-Lante (16)	N/A
Hunt Seat Equitation Open	Katie Johnson / Colours (7)	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (6)
Hunter Hack 18"	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (5)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (3)
Hunter Hack 2'	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (5)	N/A
Hunter Hack Senior Rider	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (3)	N/A
Handy Horse	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (4)	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (1)
<b>ENGLISH OVERALL</b>	<b>LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (130)</b>	<b>SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (112)</b>



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## HUNTER JUMPER DIVISION

CROSS RAIL	Northern Essense / Beatrice Alexander (12)	N/A
2 FOOT HUNTER	Montana / Alex Peltier (37)	N/A
2'3" HUNTER	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (15)	N/A
2'6" HUNTER	Hyliee Classica QT / Alicia Harper (43)	Sonic Boom / Katherine Forsythe (26)
JUMPER	Jacob / Carol Payne (26)	Dinero / Ashley Lindsay (24)

## WESTERN CLASS AWARDS

Trail	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (7)	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (5)
Showmanship	Cathy Glover / Adobe Sunglow (6)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (6)
Halter	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (9)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (3)
Stock Seat Intermediate	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (10)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (6)
Stock Seat Open	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (10)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (5)
Western Horsemanship Senior	Cathy Glover / Adobe Sunglow (3)	N/A
Western Horsemanship Intermediate	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (5)	N/A
Western Pleasure Senior	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (9)	N/A
Western Pleasure Intermediate	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (17)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (4)
Western Pleasure Junior Horse	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (9)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (5)
Western Pleasure Open	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (13)	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (8)
Western Pleasure Coloured	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (6)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (6)
Western Pleasure Arab & Half Arab	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (2)	N/A

Western Turnout, Stock Seat Senior, Junior, Pee Wee, Walk/Jog, Walk/Jog/Lope, Horsemanship Junior, Western Pleasure Pony, Junior, Pee Wee, Senior Horse, Walk/Jog, Walk/Jog, Lope all had insufficient entries to qualify for a year end award

<b>WESTERN OVERALL</b>	<b>Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (53)</b>	<b>LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (50)</b>
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### OVERALL CHAMPIONS

<b>Overall Pony</b> . . . . .	Contessa / Linda Rainbow (10)	N/A
<b>Overall Walk/Trot (New in 2008!)</b> . . . . .	Ger-Lante / McKenna Mintzler (130*)	Ares / Megan Jackson (19)
<b>Dressage</b> (no perpetual) . . . . .	Della / Madelyn Forsyth (64.85)	Phantom / Sammie Schuss (63.35)
<b>Overall English</b> . . . . .	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (130)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (112)
<b>Overall Hunter/Jumper</b> . . . . .	Hylee Classical QT / Alicia Harper (58)	Montana / Alex Peltier (37)
<b>Equitation Overall</b> . . . . .	Brittany Littler / LS Desire Me (77)	Devon Smith / SW Roxy Barlink (46)
<b>Overall Western</b> . . . . .	.Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (53)***	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (50)***
<b>Trail</b> . . . . .	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (11?)****	Adobe Sunglow / Cathy Glover (5)
<b>Games</b> . . . . .	Dinero / Kara Lingham (90)	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (74)
<b>Buster Bojo Brown Versatility Award</b> . . . . .	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (79)	N/A
<b>Aggregate</b> (FORMERLY OVERALL/OVERALL) . . . . .	SW Roxy Barlink / Devon Smith (228)**	LS Desire Me / Brittany Littler (215)

### MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARDS

<b>MOST ENTHUSIASTIC</b> . . . . .	Cathy Glover
<b>MOST IMPROVED</b> . . . . .	Jamie Tarlier
<b>SPECIAL APPRECIATION</b> . . . . .	Cindy MacKay
<b>SPORTSMANSHIP</b> . . . . .	Brittany Littler
<b>WAYNE SCHIEWE MEMORIAL</b> . . . . .	Lisa Hanney
<b>HORSE ON COURSE HORSEMANSHIP</b> . . . . .	McKenna Mintzler