NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP

TROOP SCOOP

WINTER 2015-2016 EDITION

76th ANNUAL DECEMBER REVIEW CEREMONY

New Canaan Mounted Troop held the 76th Annual December Review Ceremony and Horse Show on Sunday, December 13, 2015. This event marks the mid-point of the Cadet Program year, when Troopers of all ranks are recognized for their achievements in horsemanship and equine care. The ceremony presented Promotions, Honor Bars, Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Awards, Troopers of the Half Year, and Horse of the Half Year.

Photo of our troopers lined-up for the December 2015 Review Ceremony.

INDUCTEES

Lily Auerbach
Celia Baliotti
Nicole Ayoub
Lucie Bohnsack
Christina Carr
Donna Chuco
Julia Coniglio
Piper Dove
Demetria Dresser
Bliss Gooding
Daisy Gooding
Lily Gooding
Kaylynn Gunzy
Alexandra Herbig
Anna Herbig
Emily Houle
Morgan Kelley
Sarah Kellogg
Sienna Llorens
Samantha Lockyer
Michaela Loura
Ellie Malone
Sydney Mashia
Katie Mitrakis
Annie O'Connor
Sienna Peck
Sophia Peck
Sophia Pigott
Matthew Riley
Lily Roen
Caroline Ross
Samantha Santagata
Ivy Saunders
Zoe Simonte
Gillian Thompson
Rebecca Tinajero
Emily Wasser

The Cadet Pledge

I pledge myself to be kind to animals
To be a sportsperson, win or lose
To be courteous and obedient to my officers
To work and play with other cadets
As I would have them work and play with me
To hold honor, truth, and courage in high regard.

The Cadet Maxim

It is never the fault of the horse when something goes wrong; it is always the fault of the rider.
When you improve your own skill you will be able to ride and care for every horse successfully.

PROMOTIONS

Cadets proceed through the ranks of Cadet, Corporal, Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, and Captain, headed by the Cadet Major. Promotions are given based on evidence of leadership, work ethic, and overall commitment to NCMT.

To Corporal

Leena Aronson
Mia Cappelli
Olivia Collot
Hannah Gunn
Annie Harrigan
Katherine Holmes
Harper Judelson
Lucy Kennelly
Isabella Madrid
Madeline Malone
Katherine Papadatos
Taylor Peck
Alexis Rodgers
Emily Rodgers
Hannah Rutherford
Bella Sabino
Natalie Schlesinger
Kate Senneff
Helen Whitney

To Sergeant

Kate Barnard
Nate Broll
Lauren Goll
Savannah Haims
Laura Haley
Victoria Novothny
Aliana Rivas
Holly Silva
Isabella Speranza
Mary Grace Thomas
Cassie Warren
Paige Zamsky

To Second Lieutenant

Taylor Corbett
Elizabeth Dedon
Libby Hinshaw
Brynn McClymont

To First Lieutenant

Elizabeth Kenneally
Katherine Kenneally
Megan Rigione
Georgia Stewart

To Captain

Emily Oh

HONOR BAR RECIPIENTS

NCMT confers honor bars to recognize members of the corps who have shown themselves to be outstanding in qualities which NCMT considers to be important.

COURTEOUSNESS AND SOLDIERLY APPEARANCE

Awarded to cadets who have shown themselves to be the most courteous to both officers and fellow cadets, whose appearance has been consistently neat and trim, and who have proven to be good role models to fellow cadets.

Kelsey Allen, Nicole Ayoub, Celia Baliotti, Nate Broll, Christina Carr, Julia Coniglio, Taylor Corbett, Piper Dove, Demetria Dresser, Lauren Goll, Bliss Gooding, Emily Houle, Harper Judelson, Sarah Kellogg, Samantha Lockyer, Michaela Loura, Ellie Lyon, Ellie Malone, Sydney Mashia, Brooke McEntire, Riley Meyer, Annie O'Connor, Sophia Peck, Taylor Peck, Aliana Rivas, Caroline Ross, Samantha Santagata, Ivy Saunders, Kate Senneff, Georgia Stewart, Fionn Tierney, Rebecca Tinajero, Cassie Warren

SPORTSMANSHIP

Given to cadets who have shown themselves to be good sports, win or lose, who can take a fall without blaming their mount, who can accept the assignment of a horse they do not find especially agreeable without complaining, and who show that when the going gets tough, they carry on with good spirit.

Alexandra Andrade, Karey Balkind, Amanda Bauersfeld, Olivia Collot, Elizabeth Farrell, Alexi Goodman, Anna Herbig, Katie Holmes, Isabelle Johnson, Madison Mendicina, Emily Oh, Sienna Peck, Alexis Rodgers, Lily Roen, Natalie Schlesinger

EFFORT AND IMPROVEMENT

Recognizes cadets who have tried to improve by recognizing their own weaknesses and refusing to give in to them. Improvement in horsemanship, sportsmanship, general attitude and willingness to accept responsibility are all taken into consideration.

Sarah Kate Alford, Bella Andrade, Isabelle Broll, Maya Coniglio, Elizabeth Dedon, Daisy Gooding, Libby Hinshaw, Sophia King, Morgan Kelley, Elizabeth Kenneally, Isabella Madrid, Conal Mueller, Sophia Pigott, Hannah Rutherford, Bella Sabino

STABLE EFFICIENCY

Given to cadets who have shown themselves to be efficient and hardworking in the barn. At their levels, these cadets have demonstrated outstanding achievements in organization and self-discipline while carrying out their stable responsibilities and caring for their horses.

Leena Aronson, Lucie Bohnsack, Sophie Broll, Lily Gooding, Hannah Gunn, Kaylynn Gunzy, Annie Harrigan, Alexandra Herbig, Sophie Jaeger, Kaitlin Karr, Katherine Kenneally, Lucy Kennelly, Sienna Llorens, Maddie Malone, Brynn McClymont, Mollie McMullan, Katie Mitrakis, Victoria Novothny, Matthew Riley, Emily Rodgers, Hayley Sayewitz, Zoe Simonte, Isabella Speranza, Annika Srivastava, Emily Wasser

TROOP SPIRIT

Awarded to cadets who have truly demonstrated their commitment by putting the good of the Troop above their own personal desires.

Lily Auerbach, Kate Barnard, Mimi Bartolovic, Mia Cappelli, Donna Chuco, Emma Cody, Savannah Haims, Laura Haley, Lauren Hanny, Christopher Joyce, Kate Papadatos, Megan Rigione, Holly Silva, Mary Grace Thomas, Gillian Thompson, Helen Whitney, Paige Zamsky

EQUINE CARE HIGH POINT HORSEMANSHIP AWARD

The NCMT mission is to build leadership, responsibility and confidence in youth through sound horsemanship. Each week, cadets attend equine care lectures and have the opportunity to use the skills they are taught. Each semester, cadets have the opportunity to participate in a challenge to demonstrate their knowledge by taking the Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Examination. The cadet in each rank who scores highest on the test earns the championship sash.

Inductee	**Emily Wasser**
Cadet	**Natalie Schlesinger & Kate Senneff**
Corporal	**Isabella Speranza**
Sergeant	**Brynn McClymont**
Second Lieutenant	**Katherine Kenneally**
First Lieutenant	**Annika Srivastava**
Captain	**Elizabeth Farrell**

TROOPERS OF THE HALF YEAR

LESSON OF THE HALF YEAR: MONDAY, 3:45 PM AND WEDNESDAY, 4:45 PM

Lesson of the Half Year is awarded to the lesson group that, over the course of the semester, has done the best job caring for their horses, equipment, and barn, both before and after their lessons. This group exemplifies all the values at Troop of horsemanship, sportsmanship, and responsibility. The Lesson of the Half Year is on honor of OPUS. We have a tie!

Congratulations to:

Monday, 3:45 PM - Instructor: Hanna Wirfel

Nate Broll, Helen Whitney, Emily Rodgers, Sarah Kellogg, Daisy Gooding

Wednesday, 4:45 PM - Instructor: Jess D'Urso

Leena Aronson, Isabelle Madrid, Mimi Bartolovic, Lily Roen

BARN DAY OF THE HALF YEAR : WEDNESDAY, SECOND SHIFT

Barn Day of the Half Year goes to those cadets who have demonstrated commitment to their chores and exhibited sportsmanship and teamwork in order to get the job done. This semester, Wednesday, Second Shift, is being recognized for their cooperation and Troop spirit! Congratulations to:

Captain Kelsey Allen, Olivia Collot, Donna Chuco, Samantha Lockyer, Alexandra Herbig, Anna Herbig

DECEMBER REVIEW

HORSE OF THE HALF YEAR

Spot

At each of our review ceremonies, in addition to the cadets, we honor one horse or pony who has been outstanding for the semester. This year's **Horse of the Half Year** is **Spot** for all that she teaches our students, and so we are happy to name her Pony of the Half Year!

Born in 1999, Spot is a medium-sized pinto pony who came to Troop in 2014 after a successful show career. She stands out in a crowd with her striking brown and white patches. Her pink nose and stylish Mohawk mane also add to her unique appearance. Perfect for all schooling levels, she loves being groomed and fussed over by our younger Troopers. Spot also enjoys flying around a jumping course with our more advanced students and She LOVES to eat!

HORSE SCOOP

Greener Pastures for EDDIE and DAISY

and introducing…

Calvin

Elton

Archie

Jasper

Tico

Superman

FALL EVENTS

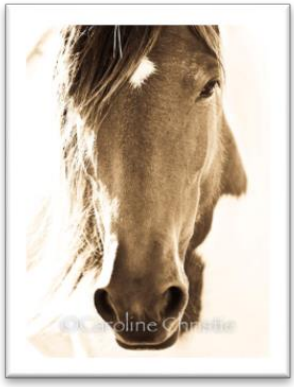
Lyman T. Whitehead Clinic
Beval Saddlery Bake Sale
Caroline Christie Exhibit and Lecture
Horseless Horse Show
October Open Horse Show
Halloween Costume Parade
Gala at Grace Farms
Elf Night
New Canaan Newcomers Club Holiday House Tour
December Half Year Review

Lyman T. Whitehead Clinic

On September 27, several lucky troopers had lessons with Lyman T. Whitehead. Mr. Whitehead is one of United States' top hunter trainers.

Events at Bevel Saddlery

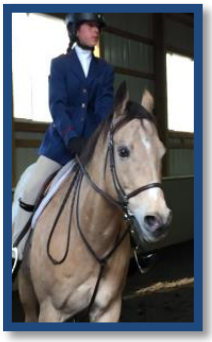
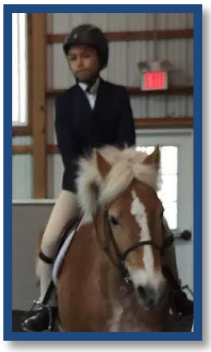
Some of our troopers at Beval Saddlery for a bake sale. Also at Beval, Caroline Christie, renown wild horse photographer, held an exhibit and later hosted a lecture at NCMT on October 17th.



HORSE SHOWS

An open show was held at NCMT on October 18th. A few Troop riders are pictured above. The annual NCMT December Review Horse Show was held on December 13th. First place ribbons were awarded by Judge Meredith Hou to:

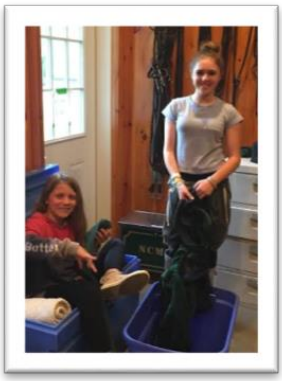
Children's Equitation Flat	Elizabeth Kenneally
Children's Equitation Fences	Haley Sayewitz
Short Stirrup Flat	Olivia Collot, Sienna Peck
Short Stirrup Fences	Isabelle Broll, Bella Sabino,
Maiden Equitation Flat	Paige Zamsky, Kate Barnard, Aliana Rivas, Holly Silva
Walk-Trot Equitation	Emily Rodgers, Ellie Lyon, Daisy Gooding, Lucie Bohnsack, Leena Aronson, Ellie Malone

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND CARNIVAL

A much anticipated fall tradition at NCMT is the Halloween Parade and Carnival, complete with costumes and plenty of fun activities. Here are some great shots from October 24th!

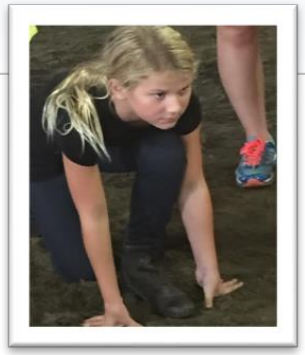
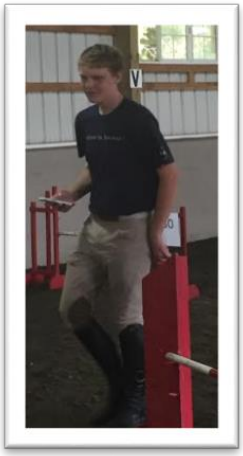
TROOPER NIGHTS

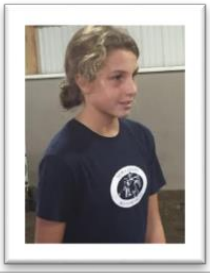


A Trooper Night always brings the promise of fun activities with friends. These events are held at NCMT throughout the program year. Here are some scenes from the Trooper Night on October 16th and from Elf Night December 4th.

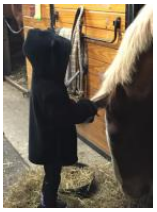
HORSELESS HORSE SHOW

Among the favorite Troop activities, horseless horse shows are great fun for everyone!
Here are some scenes from September 10, 2015.



More Memories from 2015



2015 Gala at Grace Farms

On November 14, 2015 NCMT hosted the Gala at Grace Farms. The evening began in the Sanctuary with cocktails and a silent auction followed by a performance by seven-time Grammy winner Paul Winter. The party moved to the Commons for dinner followed by a Troop video. Diane Dimond was Master of Ceremonies. The event's corporate sponsors were: Blue Ribbon, XL Catlin Group; Red Ribbon, Beval Saddlery and Frenkel & Company; and Yellow Ribbon, New Country Audi. Serendipity Magazine was the media sponsor. Troop families, alumni, friends, and supporters had a terrific time. The evening raised $88,000 to benefit programs and the maintenance of horses. The Leadership Council were the night's ambassadors , greeting guests and helping to make the night a success.

New Canaan Newcomer's Club House Tour

Ronald P. Marshall, local interior designer, chose NCMT as one of his design features of "Six Ways to Give" at the New Canaan home that was chosen for the annual New Canaan Newcomer's Club House Tour, which was held December 4th and 5th. Over 800 viewers viewed our "NCMT" room.

SUPER TROOPERS

THERAPEUTIC RIDING AND EQUINE CARE

"The Super Troopers program had a terrific 8 week fall session serving 45 individuals from our community. Collectively our cadets and teens from our community volunteered over 150 hours on Sunday mornings for our adaptive riding classes. We are so appreciative and proud of their valuable contributions to our program. We couldn't do it without them! If you are a trooper over 14 years of age and would like to volunteer for our spring Sunday morning program, please email me at supertroopers@newcanaanmountedtroop.org.

NCMT served as the host site in October for New Canaan's Department of Family and Children's Services triannual meeting for area professionals. Attendees watched an adaptive riding lesson in progress from the viewing lounge accompanied by one of our PATH certified instructors, participated in an informational luncheon with our therapeutic team, and observed an equine care session in progress in the barn. We had a fantastic day and enjoyed sharing our program with everyone.

Next week the Super Troopers winter equine care 6 week session begins, and our team has developed a new curriculum for the program. Over 38 children and adults will participate in this program each week representing a 65% increase in attendance from last year. Winter is officially here and we are ready! Please contact Caroleigh Evarts at supertroopers@newcanaanmountedtroop.org if you are interested in volunteering. We'd love to hear from you!