NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP

TROOP SCOOP

SUMMER 2014 EDITION

75th ANNUAL JUNE REVIEW CEREMONY

New Canaan Mounted Troop held the 75th Annual June Review Ceremony and Horse Show on Sunday 8 June. This event marks the end of the Cadet Program year, when Troopers of all ranks are recognized for their achievements in horsemanship and equine care. The ceremony presented the recipients of Honor Bars, Perpetual Trophies, Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Awards, Troopers of the Year, Horse of the Year, Promotions and the handover to the new Cadet Major.

DRILL TEAM EXHIBITION

The Drill Team is a longstanding NCMT tradition exhibiting precision teamwork and dedication to practice. This year's exhibition, designed by Bonnie McMorrow, included such moves as thread the needle, double thread the needle, pinwheel, do-si-do, weave, and Erlenmeyer flask performed to the music of Aretha Franklin's "Respect", Imagine Dragons's "Radioactive", and Matchbox Twenty's "How Far We've Come".

DRILL TEAM RIDERS
Kelsey Allen on Jack
Amanda Bauersfeld on Toby
Madissen Bernstein on Charlie
Elizabeth Farrell on Hocus
Crystal McLean on C.J.
Bonnie McMorrow on Riley
Margot Tucker on Otis
Alejandra Zamora on Blue

DRILL TEAM MARCHERS
Christopher Joyce
Kaitlin Karr
Julianne Reilly

2013-2014 CADET MAJOR

Bonnie McMorrow Hands Over Her Sword

A Look Back

I have been a member of New Canaan Mounted Troop for ten years, but it has been a part of my life for longer than I can remember. As the third McMorrow to rise through the ranks, I spent my early years watching my sisters go up and down Long Aisle greeting the horses. Eventually, I became a Trooper in my own right. In the past ten years, I have grown up with some at Troop, looked up to others, and learned from them all, even the horses, which has shaped the person I have become.

I started out at NCMT as a shy, somewhat oblivious inductee, not realizing that there was a purpose for cleaning my horse before and after I rode, and that horses who get wet hay can only get hay that is wet. However, the older Troopers were always around to show me how to put a bit in a stubborn horse's mouth and help me put on blankets when I could not reach a horse's back.

My confidence grew, in the saddle and in the barn, and my knowledge expanded. I came to know why the horses acted in peculiar ways sometimes, and to be able to respond appropriately to the situation. I became Captain of my barn day, my job shifting from my own personal tasks to teaching younger Troopers about the horses and the barn in the same way I had been taught.

My years at Troop have taught me important lessons: to work diligently at the tasks I am given; to do those tasks well and to lead by example. While serving as Cadet Major this past year, I have been mindful of passing on traditions that have existed for decades—even reviving some that had fallen by the wayside—all to preserve the Troop that was so formative in my life.

Bonnie presents NCMT with a wooden carving of the Troop logo

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Margot Tucker Becomes 2014-2015 Cadet Major

I am a seventeen-year-old rising senior at New Canaan High School and have been at NCMT since I was nine years old. I attended my first summer camp at Troop in 2006 and was thrilled to find out that I would have the chance to ride and care for Petey, a bay who was always in a good mood, for my two weeks of camp. Immediately after those two weeks came to an end, I was desperate to participate in the full year program and thus began another chapter of my life. Over the past eight years, I have not only learned from my fellow officers and Troop's wonderful staff, but I have also made friendships that will last a lifetime. NCMT has become a second home to me and I look forward to leading the Troop family through the 2014-2015 program year as the new Cadet Major, incorporating both new ideas and timeless traditions.

Ten things you may not know about me:

- I volunteer at the Maritime Aquarium on the weekends
- I have a plethora of pets, including three rabbits and a hedgehog
- I have three brothers: Johnston, Jasper and Jackson
- I played volleyball both my freshman and sophomore years of high school, but quit because the schedule interfered with my riding schedule
- My favorite subject in school is math
- My favorite mount is Doc, even though he can be a little grumpy sometimes
- My favorite Troop event is the Capture the Captain Trooper Night
- Over the summer, I will be a counselor at the NCMT summer camp
- I love the Barn Day bonding that happens during "laundry parties" in the tack room
- I have made some of my closest friends at Troop over the years

INDUCTEES

June 2014 Inductees

Daisy Fichthorn
Riley Meyer
Bella Sabino
Hayley Sayewitz
Zoey Webster

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 my fellow 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 rider. Improve your own skill and you will be able to ride and care for every horse successfully.

PROMOTIONS

Cadets proceed up the ranks through corporal, sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant, captain and cadet major. Promotions are given based on evidence of leadership, work ethic and overall commitment to NCMT.

To Corporal

Alessandra Andrade
Bella Andrade
Riley Bazaar
Emma Cody
Ainsley Stedman

To Sergeant

Sophie Broll
Grace Johnsen
Kate Murphy
Annelie Salvi
Carolina Stedman

To Second Lieutenant

Alexi Goodman
Meghan Musto
Megan Rigione
Annika Srivastava
Kate Stamoulis
Georgia Stewart

To First Lieutenant

Brooke Dirvin
Lauren Hanny
Conal Mueller
Hanna Vossler

To Captain

Kaitlin Karr
Courtney Plutte
Julianne Reilly

To Cadet Major

Margot Tucker

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.

Riley Bazaar, Lauren Berardino, Morgan Culver, Elizabeth Dedon, Brooke Dirvin, Daisy Fichthorn, Lauren Goll, Savannah Haims, Lilly Johnsen, Sydney Kend, Elizabeth Kenneally, Natalie Kurek, Riley Meyer, Anya Pulichino, Bella Sabino, Katherine Sloan, Georgia Stewart, Camryn Sung, Gwen Thompson, Ellie Turner, Zoey Webster

SPORTSMANSHIP

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

Sarah Kate Alford, Karey Balkind, Amanda Bauersfeld, Isabelle Broll, Sophie Broll, Mae Campbell, Grace Johnsen, Katie LeBaron, Caroline Lagarde, Hayley Sayewitz, Annika Srivastava, Kate Stamoulis, Cassie Warren, Paige Zamsky

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, foot drill appearance, general attitude and willingness to accept responsibility are all taken into consideration.

Alessandra Andrade, Bella Andrade, Madissen Bernstein, Emma Cody, Alexi Goodman, Isabelle Johnsen, Ellie Lyon, Tessa Markham, Gracie McDevitt, Fiona Mueller, Meghan Musto, Julianne Reilly, Grace Ruksznis, Roan Scanlan-Black, Samantha Schwartz, Ainsley Stedman, Mary Grace Thomas, Fionn Tierney

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.

Kate Barnard, Nate Broll, Maya Coniglio, Taylor Corbett, Paige Drippe, Laura Haley, Libby Hinshaw, Brooke McEntyre, Kate Murphy, Victoria Novothny, Emily Oh, Kimberly Pracilio, Megan Rigione, Aliana Rivas, Annelie Salvi, Anna Sheridan, Holly Silva, Carolina Stedman, Margot Tucker, Hanna Vossler

TROOP SPIRIT

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

Kelsey Allen, Elizabeth Farrell, Lauren Hanny, Christopher Joyce, Kaitlyn Karr, Katherine Kenneally, Lily Kepner, Brynn McClymont, Crystal McLean, Bonnie McMorrow, Conal Mueller, Courtney Plutte, Isabella Speranza, Estelle Stedman, Sarah Volpitta, Alejandra Zamora

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Perpetual Trophies are awarded by peer vote to cadets demonstrating exceptional skill, improvement, dedication and spirit.

NCMT CUP for responsibility and unselfish interest in fellow officers	Kelsey Allen
SKY ROCKET TROPHY for the horse and rider showing most improvement	Crystal McLean and Doc
MacLACHIAN TROPHY for dedication to Troop	Alexi Goodman
CORTELL SERVICE TROPHY for outstanding service	Amanda Bauersfeld
SMALL FRY TROPHY for contributing to Troop in alternative ways	Nate Broll
RITCHIE MEMORIAL TROPHY for most outstanding officer of the year	Bonnie McMorrow
MAXWELL TROPHY for most improvement in riding	Riley Bazaar
STABLE TROPHY for showing the most interest in stable management	Christopher Joyce
MILITARY EFFICIENCY TROPHY for the most efficient barn day officer	Madissen Bernstein
TIGER LILY MEMORIAL TROPHY for barn organization	Camryn Sung
DANNY JESUP TROPHY for the most willing to help others without complaint	Lily Kepner
TERRY NOBLE TROPHY for dedication and perseverance throughout the winter	Sophie Broll
CHASE CHALLENGE TROPHY for the most outstanding first cadet	Holly Silva
ROB ROY TROPHY for the most outstanding corporal	Taylor Corbett
MEADOWSWEET TROPHY for the most outstanding sergeant	Annika Srivastava
WORKHOUSE TROPHY for the most outstanding second lieutenant	Lauren Hanny
BARTLET TROPHY for the most outstanding first lieutenant	Kaitlin Karr
FRIAR TUCK TROPHY for the most outstanding captain	Elizabeth Farrell

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 during the barn day as well as their riding day. 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	Hayley Sayewitz
Cadet	Paige Zamsky
Corporal	Lauren Berardino
Sergeant	Katherine Kenneally
Second Lieutenant	Lauren Hanny
First Lieutenant	Julianne Reilly
Captain	Kelsey Allen

TROOPERS OF THE YEAR

BARN DAY OF THE YEAR

Barn Day of the Year goes to those cadets who have demonstrated commitment to their chores and exhibited sportsmanship and teamwork in order to get the job done.

FIRST SHIFT THURSDAY Maya Coniglio, Daisy Fichthorn, Lauren Goll, Sydney Kend, Ellie Lyon, Kate Murphy, Grace Ruksznis, Margot Tucker, Zoey Webster

LESSON OF THE YEAR

Lesson of the Year is awarded to the lesson group that, over the course of the year, 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.

MONDAY 4:45 LESSON Emma Cody, Fiona Muller, Aliana Rivas, Holly Silva, Isabella Speranza

HORSE OF THE YEAR HOCUS POCUS

This year's Horse or Pony of the Year is HOCUS POCUS. Born in 1991, our recipient is a Welsh Cross pony who joined Troop in 2001. He has been a gentle and patient teacher for our cadet program, Super Troopers equine therapy, summer camp, horse shows, and drill team. He is black with a white star and snip, he lives on Front Aisle, and he is famous for playing a zebra in the Hallowe'en parade and for being very "bouncy".

A special thank you to all our dedicated staff

Sacha Chen-Schaab

Jessica D'Urso

Anne Dylewski

Caroleigh Evarts

Sylena Levy

Fredi Martinez

Lynne Schulthess

Francisco Tinajero

Susan Weber

Hannah Wirfel

Blast from the Past

Here is an old Troop photo from an Annual Review Ceremony back in the 1970s. Do you recognize anyone?

2014 JUNE REVIEW HORSE SHOW

The annual NCMT June Review Horse Show was held on Sunday 8 June. First place ribbons were awarded by judge Lyman T. Whitehead to:

Super Troopers Flat	Shane Hickey, Scott Tivey, Emma Youngman
Parks and Recreation Flat	Ella Olafsson, Liza Sieghart, Matthias Simon
Children's Equitation Flat	Madissen Bernstein
Children's Equitation Fences	Amanda Bauersfeld
Pre-Children's Equitation Flat	Katherine Kenneally, Crystal McLean, Bonnie McMorrow, Conal Mueller
Pre-Children's Equitation Fences	Katherine Kenneally, Crystal McLean, Bonnie McMorrow, Margot Tucker
Short/Long Stirrup Flat	Lily Kepner, Megan Rigione
Short/Long Stirrup Fences	Megan Rigione, Camryn Sung
Maiden Equitation	Riley Bazaar, Savannah Haims, Tessa Markham
Walk-Trot Equitation	Kate Barnard, Fiona Mueller, Aliana Rivas, Holly Silva, Cassie Warren

BENEFIT HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA

The Annual Benefit Horse Show and Gymkhana was held on Saturday 3 May. This show was an unrated schooling horse show with the added feature of gymkhana classes and horseless jumping classes. Troopers competed in Mentor Group teams, headed by the captains, for perpetual trophies in each gymkhana class. The Mentor Group whose members won the most points, receiving the Mentor Group Challenge Cup Series Trophy and an ice cream social, was Kelsey's Crazy Canterers.

First place ribbons were awarded by judge Marialena Savino Anzalone to:

Margaret Cabell Self Cup	Conal Mueller
Children's Equitation Flat	Julianne Reilly
Children's Equitation Fences	Julianne Reilly
Pre-children's Equitation Flat	Lauren Hanny
Pre-children's Equitation Fences	Conal Mueller
Short/Long Stirrup Flat	Annie Salvi
Short/Long Stirrup Fences	Alexi Goodman
Maiden Equitation	Tessa Markham
Walk-Trot Equitation	Brook McEntire, Isabella Speranza

GYMKHANA

Big/Little:	Alexi Goodman, Conal Mueller
Pepsi Challenge	Christopher Joyce, Lily Kepner, Fiona Mueller, Isabella Speranza, Alejandra Zamora
Sit-a-Buck	Emma Cody, Lauren Hanny, Lily Kepner, Julianne Reilly, Sarah Volpitta
Grooming Class	Crystal McLean, Lily Kepner, Holly Silva and Daisy

SUPER TROOPERS

Therapeutic Riding And Equine Care

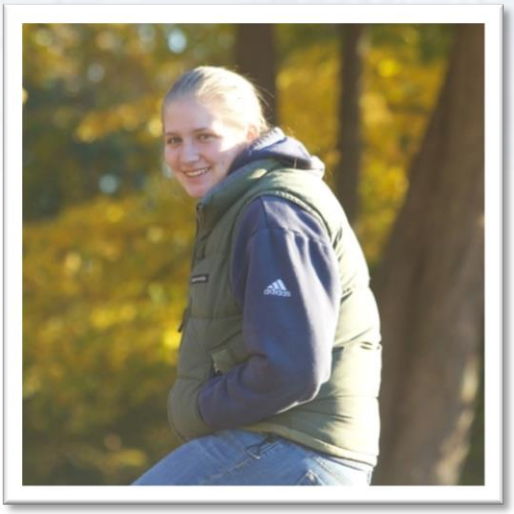
NCMT is proud to offer Super Troopers, our own Therapeutic Riding and Equine Care Program. PATH-certified instructors Susan Weber, Sylina Levy and Hannah Wirfel help Super Troopers achieve physical, psychological, cognitive, behavioral and communication goals. Special thanks go to our volunteer coordinator Caroleigh Evarts and the NCMT officers and adult riders who have so generously given their time and dedication.

Did you know?

Super Troopers started in 2012 with one participant, but has grown to 34 children and adults! The program relies on the help of volunteers. If you are a Trooper or adult interested in helping, please contact the office.

GRADUATING SENIORS

BONNIE MCMORROW



Came to Troop in 2004
Favorite horse is Doc
Favorite activity is making wet hay
Hometown Wilton
Graduated from Wilton High School
Going to the University of Vermont

determined, exceptional, very knowledgeable, focused, kind, dedicated, hard-working, efficient, well-organized, awesome, caring, sweet, thoughtful young woman, Bontron the Legacy

COURTNEY PLUTTE

Came to Troop in 2004
Favorite horse is Blue
Favorite activity is the Hallowe'en Parade
Hometown Darien
Graduated from Darien High School
Going to Skidmore College

team player, smart, nice, helpful, kind, amiable, smiley, all around sweet girl, willing to chip in and help on Trooper nights, knows everything about horses and the show ring

ALEJANDRA ZAMORA

Came to Troop in 2007
Favorite horse is Sandy
Favorite activity is the Memorial Day Parade
Hometown New York City
Graduated from New Canaan High School
Going to Brown University

perceptive, funny, helpful, kind, smart, sweet, dependable, always smiling, thoughtful young woman, happy to help, always fun to be around

CORTELL 1978-2014

Somewhere in time's own space
There must be some sweet pastured place
Where creeks sing on and tall trees grow
Some paradise where horses go
For by the love that guides my pen
I know great horses live again.
—Stanley Harrison

Cortell was a legend at Troop who taught hundreds of children and adults to ride over the years. He was skilled at teaching young riders to do things just right. Cortell was a Morgan gelding who loved horse shows and took many riders into the winner's circle. He was a favorite during summer camp, he happily participated in the Hallowe'en Parade and was a star in the Super Troopers therapeutic riding program. Cortell was a very accomplished escape artist and he also enjoyed occasionally stopping for snacks during lessons. Even so, he was a pillar of strength and wisdom and we were fortunate to have known him at Troop.