

TROPHIES

Trophies

The following trophies will be awarded at the 2018 New England Hunter Trials:

HEARD CUP

Heard Championship Hunter Trial Challenge Cup

APPLETON CUP

The Appleton Cup Challenge Cup Hunt Team Championship Hunter Trial

HAMDAN TROPHY

Highest Score for Performance Only

COTTAGE CHAT TROPHY

Highest Scoring Man Rider

BADGER TROPHY

Highest Scoring Woman Rider – Performance Only

OLD NORTH BRIDGE HOUNDS TROPHY

Best Senior Field Hunter Team

THE JANE M. SHELDON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

Presented to the leading woman rider, Senior Qualified Field Hunter

STORMFIELD'S MAC PERPETUAL TROPHY

Open Field Hunter Championship

Individual horse having the highest aggregate score

THE LEMON FAIR BOWL

Highest score Qualified Novice

THE COMMANCHE TROPHY

Highest scoring Qualified Junior Hunter

THE DON V. LITTLE MEMORIAL

Highest scoring Team

Please note that trophies will be awarded where available. Some trophies are missing and cannot be awarded to the winning participant.

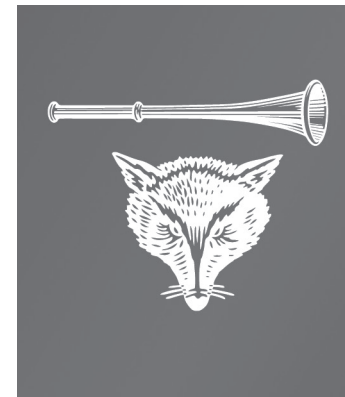
Ribbons will be awarded in all Divisions.

NEW ENGLAND HUNTER TRIALS

Sunday, October 21st, 2018

BRADLEY PALMER STATE PARK SOUTH HAMILTON, MA

Hosted by the
Myopia Hunt Club



This booklet has been prepared to provide a reference of “rules and conditions” for the conduct of the 2018 New England Hunter Trials.

The description in the following pages provides the necessary information for both judges and contestants, and provides the spectator a framework to appreciate the dedication, effort, and sportsmanship exhibited by the participants.

There will be a Novice section offered in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 as well as a Novice Pairs class. The Novice sections will be run over a separate course with fences averaging 2'6" in height. Please note that the Novice sections will be run at the end of the Trials as fence judges may have to be relocated to different fences.

The Qualified Division will be run following the Heard Cup Division.

A particular thanks to Bradley Palmer State Park for providing the venue for the event, and to all the judges and others who have made this possible.

To more accurately reflect current conditions, the Myopia Masters have elected to define the courses as follows:

Heard Cup and Open High – maximum 4'0"

Qualified Senior, Qualified Junior, and Open – maximum 3'6"

Novice – average 2'6"

The majority of fences in each Division are below the maximum height.

Masters will be notified of the date and time for the coursewalk.

Welcome to all the competitors and the very best of luck to all!

Wendy Wood, MFH

RIDE MYOPIA'S BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY!

Bradley Palmer State Park
 next to 550 Highland Street
 S. Hamilton, MA

Directions

FROM THE SOUTH, WEST OR NORTHWEST: Route 93 or Route 95/128, follow Route 128 North to Exit 20A, Rte. 1A North. Follow Route 1A North into Wenham. Turn left on Arbor Street, which becomes Highland Street. Proceed about 2.7 miles, turn left between stone pillars and gate – you will be directed where to park.

FROM THE NORTHEAST: Follow Route 95 South to Exit 54, Route 133. Follow Route 133 East to center of Ipswich. Turn right on Market Street which becomes Topsfield Road. Proceed about 1.3 miles and turn left onto Mill Road which turns into Highland Street. In 2.2 miles, just past Winthrop Street, turn right between stone pillars and gate – you will be directed where to park.

Class List & Estimated Start Times

Division (Horses can enter only one Division plus teams/pairs. Riders cannot enter both Open and Qualified Divisions.)

9:30 a.m. Division 1 Heard Cup (Qualified) (max 4'0") \$95

10:15 a.m. Division 2 Qualified (max 3'6") \$60

11:30 a.m. Division 2a. Qualified Novice (average 2'6") \$60

10:15 a.m. Division 3 Qualified Junior (max 3'6") \$50

11:30 a.m. Division 3a. Qualified Junior Novice (average 2'6") \$50

10:15 a.m. Division 4 Open (max 3'6") \$60

11:30 a.m. Division 4a. Open Novice (average 2'6") \$60

9:30 a.m. Division 4b. Open High (max 4'0") \$60

12:30 p.m. Division 4c. Teams \$90 per teams of three

1:00 p.m. Division 4d. Novice Pairs \$60 per pair

Please present yourself to the starter at the beginning of your section.

Divisions will be cancelled or combined if there are less than three entries in a section.

The Heard Cup will not run with less than three entries.

The course is between 1 1/2 and 2 miles long and presents 20-25 obstacles. The “Novice” sections will be run over a separate, abbreviated course with fences averaging 2'6" in height.

“Qualified” classes are open to members of a hunt and must be accompanied by the Master’s signature on entry form.

“Open” classes are open to professional and non-hunt members.

The Teams class is open to hunt members and non-members alike.

The Novice Pairs class is open to hunt members and non-members alike.

Lunch will be provided at approximately noon.

Ribbons in all Divisions will be awarded at the conclusion of the Trials.

Scoring Heard Cup Division, Confirmation

Possible points for this section – 50

No notice shall be taken of, nor deductions of points made for, hunting blemishes provided they do not interfere with the horse's efficiency or soundness. (Firing may be considered as a hunting blemish under proper veterinary advice.) A horse judged to be not hunting-sound shall be eliminated. Horses must be up to weight of rider.

Braiding is required in the Heard Cup Division. If a horse is not braided, a penalty of 20 points will be imposed. Braiding is optional in all other divisions.

Scoring Heard Cup Division, Flat Class

Possible points for this section – 200

Manners and way of going at a walk, trot, canter, gallop, backing and change of leads or other prescribed maneuvers at judges' request.

Purpose

- A. There will be held annually, during the fall of the year in New England, an Inter-Hunt Hunter Trial for the purpose of creating competition for hunter type horses that hunt regularly with a registered or recognized New England Hunt, ridden by riders who are members of or subscribers to registered or recognized New England Hunts, to determine the best cross-country hunter or groups of hunters under the following rules and conditions. The ideal to be sought is to determine the best horse or group of horses across the country; a hunter that is capable of negotiating all the natural obstacles in a hunting country; and which gives a safe and enjoyable ride to the rider in the event.
- B. The practical aspects and features of a hunter and its qualities, abilities and manner pertaining to hunting govern, as contrasted to "artificial" features or measures which are required or may exist in some types of horse shows.
- C. High and desirable qualities and standards of sportsmanship are to be followed.
- D. No trophies shall be presented in conjunction with the trial unless they are conditioned on and subject to the rules and conditions herein prescribed and are acceptable to the governing board. No monetary prizes allowed.

Trial Divisions

1. HEARD CUP DIVISION
2. QUALIFIED FIELD HUNTER DIVISION
- 2a. QUALIFIED FIELD HUNTER DIVISION (Novice)
3. QUALIFIED JUNIOR FIELD HUNTER DIVISION
- 3a. QUALIFIED JUNIOR FIELD HUNTER DIVISION (Novice)
4. OPEN FIELD HUNTER DIVISION AND/OR HUNT TEAM/PAIRS DIVISION
- 4a. OPEN FIELD HUNTER DIVISION (Novice)
- 4b. OPEN HIGH
- 4c. TEAMS
- 4d. NOVICE PAIRS

The following perpetual trophies shall be presented at each trial:

1. Heard Cup Division

The Heard Cup — Presented by Brigadier General Townsend Heard to the individual horse having the highest aggregate score in the Heard Cup Division.

The Appleton Cup — Presented by the late James W. Appleton, MFH, to the two horses from the Hunt having the highest aggregate score in the Heard Cup Division. Such two horses may not have had the same rider.

***The Prince Cup** — Presented by Gordon C. Prince, MFH, and Mrs. Prince to the team having the second highest combined aggregate score; conditions as stipulated in the Appleton Cup.

The Hamdan Trophy — Presented by Mrs. Richard E. Danielson, MFH, and Mrs. Nathaniel Hamlen to the rider of the horse having the highest score for performance only in the Heard Cup Division.

The Cottage Chat Trophy — Presented by Neil R. Ayer, MFH, in memory of Paul F. Fox to the male rider having the highest score in the Heard Cup Division.

Badger Trophy — Presented to the woman rider having the highest score for performance only.

Scoring – All Jumping Classes

Competitors in jumping classes receive two types of scores:

FORM AND STYLE OF JUMPING, MANNERS AND WAY OF GOING, PACE

Judges will evaluate the performance of each competitor and enter a score from 0 to a perfect score of 15, using the full range of scores as warranted and taking into considerations:

1. Form and Style of Jumping
2. Manners and Way of Going between Obstacles
3. Pace between Obstacles

And using the following criteria:

1. Does the horse weave while coming to the obstacle?
2. Is the horse proceeding at a hunting pace?
3. Is the horse's pace erratic?
4. Does the horse jump safely?
5. Does the horse "fold" properly?
6. Does the horse approach the obstacle too fast?
7. Does the horse negotiate the course easily and under control?
8. Is the horse suitable as a safe and comfortable ride to hounds?

PENALTY POINTS

1. First refusal or run-out at a fence.....25
2. Second refusal or run-out 100
3. Third refusal or run-out Elimination
4. Hard knock or knock down of fence.....25
5. Fall of rider..... Elimination
6. Fall of horse, shoulder and haunch touch ground Elimination
7. Each failure to jump obstacles in the order designated 100
8. Failure to jump obstacles at place designated..... Elimination
9. Failure to stop at Hold Hard..... 100
10. Failure to open and close gate, or complete lead-over in time allowed (two minutes)25

Ticks do not incur a penalty score

Judging

- A. Jump judges will be positioned as directed by the Host Hunt. The Chief Judge shall also be available to settle disputes.
- B. Judges will be issued scoring cards for each course. Rider names or Hunt affiliation will NOT appear.
- C. Judges shall not compete in the Trial Division that they are judging. Judges shall be selected by the Masters of the participating hunts and as required by the Hunt hosting the Hunter Trials.
- D. The judges may call for certain other or repeat tests which they may consider proper as to one or more contestants for any reason, including resolving a tie.
- E. Hunt Teams will be judged as a single unit for scoring. Multiple performance faults shall be scored separately for each horse, i.e. if one, two or three horses have refusals, it shall be counted as one, two or three faults, etc. If, however, one horse is eliminated, the Team is eliminated.
- F. Each judge shall certify as to the correctness of each scorecard he turns in to the Chief Scoring Clerk; the latter having the responsibility for scrutiny of and/or correct sums and calculations amassed from the several scorecards so turned in.
- G. No person other than the rider shall accompany the horse within a distance of 50 yards from the starting point.
- H. Stopping at an obstacle followed immediately by a standing clean jump shall not be penalized except as to form and style of jumping.
- I. Any horse that stops, backs, rears or balks at the start or elsewhere on the course for an unreasonable length of time, about 60 seconds, shall be eliminated.
- J. If a loose horse is on the course, judges will stop on-coming riders until the horse is caught.
- K. All entries shall be shown in the bits in which they normally hunt and shall wear the same out the Trial. Acceptable bits include snaffles, pelhams, kimberwicks, 3-rings and other bits customary in the hunt field at that time. Other bits shall be acceptable if the MFH of the nominating club certifies in writing that the competitor regularly hunts in that bit and if the Chief Judges conclude that the bit does not confer any advantage. Artificial reining devices of any kind are prohibited.
- L. Martingales, standing, running and Irish, are permitted, except when judged on the flat in the Heard Cup Division. Horses shall not be allowed to wear boots or bandages on the flat in the Heard Cup Division. Any dispute about tack shall be resolved by the Chief Judges and if the Chief Judges conclude the equipment does confer an advantage, a penalty of 20 points will be imposed.
- M. The MFH of any New England Hunt has the right to register a protest on the day of the Trial. Judgment of all protests will be made on the day of the Trial and the Chief Judges are the final authority.

2. Qualified Field Hunter Division

- *Lovejoy Trophy* — Presented by Mr. Frederick H. Lovejoy, MFH, to the individual horse having the highest combined aggregate score.
- Old North Bridge Hounds Trophy* — Presented by Old North Bridge Hounds to the two horse from one hunt having the highest combined aggregate score.
- Jane Sheldon Perpetual Challenge Trophy* — Presented to the leading woman rider, Senior Qualified Field Hunter.

2a. Qualified Field Hunter Division (Novice)

- The Lemon Fair Bowl* — Presented by Green Mountain Hounds to the individual with the highest score at the Novice level.

3. Qualified Junior Hunter Division

- Comanche Trophy* — Presented by the late Mr. Sherwin C. Badger and Mrs. Badger, MFH, to the individual horse having the highest aggregate score
- *Master's Trophy* — Presented by the New England Masters to the two horses from one hunt having the highest combined aggregate score.
- *Carter Trophy* — Presented by Mrs. Janet C. Carter, MFH, to the two horses from one hunt having the second highest aggregate score.

4. Open Field Hunter Division

- Stormfield's Mac Perpetual Trophy* — Presented by Mr. John L. Gardner to the individual horse having the highest aggregate score in the division.
- Don Little Memorial Trophy* — Presented by Mr. Owen Hughes to the highest scoring team.

*Note: not all trophies are accounted for and may not be presented in 2018

Eligibility for Divisions 1, 2 and 3

- A. Each Master of a registered or recognized New England Hunt is invited to nominate a given number of eligible horses from his Field for the purpose of participating in the Trial. The number is to be specified by the Committee of the Hunt holding the Trial in any given year. Masters are encouraged to solicit maximum participation of the members of their fields.
- B-1. All horses nominated from a Hunt must be the property of that Hunt or of a member or subscriber to that Hunt or, in the case of a horse borrowed or hired, must have been hunted by the member or subscriber on a regular basis as outlined below.
- B-2. Horses entered in Divisions 1 or 2 must have been hunted fairly and regularly by a member of or subscriber to the Hunt which they represent for at least one of the two seasons previous to the one during which the current Trial is held and also must have hunted satisfactorily during the current season. Horses entered in Division 3 must have been hunted regularly at least during the current season. Horses that have been hunted regularly by the member or subscriber mentioned above in another New England registered or recognized Hunt other than the Hunt they now represent can count the time with that Hunt for the "seasons previous" qualification mentioned above. They must, however, be hunting on a regular basis during the current season with the Hunt they represent in the Trials. A season is defined as the hunting taking place during one fiscal year of a Hunt.
- B-3. Such horse must be a bonafide hunter kept and used for hunting and whose primary allegiance lies in the country whose pack the horse is to represent.
- C. The intent, spirit and tradition is for Hunt members to hunt the horse but it is permitted that occasional hunts by any other person on said horse be included amongst the various positive factors that build up toward determining eligibility.
- D. In constructing what is meant by "hunting fairly and regularly", "bonafide", and other terms for determining eligibility, the Master should consider such factors (but in no way limiting or restricting decisions to these enumerated factors) as:
 - D-1. The use and purpose to which the horse is actually put rather than apparent actions and intentions;
 - D-2. Availability of number of hunts per season versus hunts fairly and actually completed by the horse in question;
 - D-3. Inability of the horse to hunt regularly due to lameness or sickness or other bonafide indispositions for part of a season as compared to history of his resumption of regularly hunting for the balance of a season (it being the suggestion that "balance of a season" means at least one-half or more of the number of week-end hunts available during the season); and

Governing Board

- 1. The Governing Board shall meet at least once a year.
- 2. Each registered or recognized New England Hunt shall have as its representatives the current MFH or MFHs or duly appointed representative or representatives and one other member from its Field. A quorum at meetings shall consist of at least one of the two representatives from a majority of the registered or recognized New England Hunts. There shall be two votes per Hunt.
- 3. It is highly desirable to rotate the Trials throughout the Hunts. If a Hunt whose turn it is declines to hold a Trial, the Governing Board will ask for offers amongst the other Hunts and then will announce the location of the following year's Trial among the offers.

Changes in Rules and Conditions

No changes in these Rules or Conditions may be made without a majority vote passed at a duly called and held meeting of the Governing Board at which a quorum is present. Such changes must be promptly circulated amongst the registered or recognized New England Hunts.

Conditions

- A. A strictly hunting pace will be required. The terrain, footing and obstacles on the course are to be taken into account.
- B. The rider will be required to pull-up rapidly at one or more places during the Trial to a dead-stop when a hunting horn is heard and the cry "HOLD HARD". The rider will remain stopped at that point until a "GO AHEAD" signal is given. The purpose of this test is to check the ability of a horse to stop immediately, without prior warning, as in an emergency.
- C-1. Contestants will run individually over the jumping courses. Each contestant will start in the numerical order prescribed (to be picked ahead of time by chance but no representatives of the same Hunt go consecutively). It is the responsibility of the contestant to be ready at the starting line.
- C-2. Each contestant in turn will be started at a time such as to allow under normal circumstances the contestant ahead to have completed at least one-half of the course and so as to provide as nearly equal condition and circumstances for the contestants.
- D. Contestants will be independent of one another for all purposes of the Trial including scoring. One may pass another in any part of the Trial without penalty if in the judgment of the overtaking rider he feels he should do so in order to keep pace or for other reasons.
- E. Interference or foul, depending on the degree and extent of same, during the Trial, will cost the horse who is at fault points or elimination at the Judge's discretion. The horse not at fault shall be given consideration if caused to incur what normally would be a degrading score in order to avoid danger or accident from such interference or action.
- F. Any horse or rider of any horse who jumps any part of the course before the contest or before his proper turn during the contest shall be eliminated.
- G. Eliminated horses must leave the course immediately, so as not to interfere with other contestants.
- H. Any competitors requiring special assistance during the course may ask permission from the Chief Judge PRIOR to the event.

Committee

Each Hunter Trial shall be run in accordance with these Rules and Regulations by a Committee composed of at least the current MFH of each participating Hunt (or, if not available, alternates appointed by such absent MFH) and a Chief Scoring Clerk.

- E. Competitors are expected to have walked the course on foot prior to the starting of the first event.
- F. Only non-professional subscribers in hunt uniform who hunt their horses regularly with the Hunt making the entry are eligible to ride in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. No rider may ride more than one horse in these Divisions of the Trial, but may ride one or more horses in Division 4 in addition to the horse he or she has ridden in one of the above Divisions. No switching of riders is permitted during the Trial. No horse may be entered in more than one Division of the Trial. Juniors are people who have not reached their 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the year of the Trials. Juniors may not compete in Division 1.

Eligibility for Division 4

- A. The Host Hunt, after establishing the number of entries they desire for this Division, will attempt to fill it with members or subscribers nominated by Masters, who hunt regularly with any of the New England Hunts. If, however, the Division is not filled with these people, the Host Hunt may fill it with other riders who wish to enter the Division. Horses in this Division may have hunted regularly or not.
- B. The horses should be bonafide hunter types.
- C. The number of horses entered in this Division may be limited by the Hunt holding the Hunter Trials for any given year.
- D. The Host Hunt will have the option of running Hunt Teams (teams consisting of 3 horses and riders) as well as the Open Division or in place of it.
- D-1. Horses on teams may jump in any order at the riders' discretion. The order of the team may be changed during the course.

Courses

1. There shall be two parallel courses which shall be similar but one shall be in general somewhat higher and more difficult. In some cases the two courses may go over the same jump. There may also be a third Division with lower jumps.
 2. The courses, and obstacles thereon, are to be such as may be found in New England where hunting is regularly conducted; the event to be run over natural hunting country. Jumps shall be of the following general types: natural post and rail, brush, stone wall, white or natural board fence or gate, chicken coop, aiken, pen, hedge, log pile, natural ditch, fallen tree, water (see Rule #16), drop or up-jump, snake. Jumps should be straightforward, relatively simple obstacles, solid in appearance and with true ground lines to provide a positive experience and to invite bold forward movement.
 3. The course and order of the obstacles will vary for each Trial so that neither horse nor rider knows exactly what will confront them until the Host Hunt opens the course for inspection.
 4. The obstacles shall be numbered serially and must be jumped in that order only.
 5. The course will be not less than 2 miles or more than 3 miles in length.
 6. There shall be not less than 20 or more than 25 obstacles in the course including a lead-over, hold hard, gone-away, and a gate opening. In-and-Outs and Pen jumps shall be considered as two jumps.
 7. There shall be no "stunt" or eventing-type jumps.
 8. There shall be obstacles that must be jumped at specific places, such as a specified panel or to one side of a gap, such obstacles not to be less than 5 feet wide.
 9. There shall be no artificial wings such as those made of painted boards or other materials as found in horse shows. Only natural wings such as trees, shrubbery, existing stone walls or existing fences, etc., or no wings at all will be acceptable.
 10. The height of the obstacles may vary depending upon conditions at the obstacle site. In general, the following shall be the required heights: for Divisions 2, 3, and 4 the approximate heights of jumps shall be in the range of 3'0" to 3'6". For Divisions 2a, 3a and 4a the approximate heights shall be in the range of 2'6" to 2'9". For Division 1 the approximate height of jumps shall be from 3'6" to 4'0". Jumps that are jumped by Division 1 and the other Divisions shall be approximately 3'6" high. The height of jumps shall be measured from the point of takeoff, i.e. on the centerline of the jump, back from the base of the jump the height of the jump. In the case of jumps that have a high and low side, a natural divider shall be placed between the high and low sides. Division 1 Heard Cup entries shall be required to take the high side. All other entries may jump either the high or low side.
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11. At the lead-over, riders must dismount, take reins over the horse's head, run-up stirrups, lower the top rail, walk or jump over the remaining rail, and replace the top rail. No outside assistance may be given except that help may be given to mount without penalty. A mounting block will be provided.
 12. There may also be a gate that must be opened and shut while mounted. A two-minute allowance will be given after which there will be a penalty imposed for this obstacle. Penalty as outlined under "Scoring" section B-1 below.
- NOTE:** Scoring for rule 11 and 12 will be based on the efficiency and procedure of the maneuver of both the rider and the horse.
13. The suggested distance for an in-and-out or pen is 26 feet.
 14. Brush Fences: any guardrail or hedge retainer intended to facilitate the jumping of the obstacle may not exceed 2'0" in height for Divisions 2, 3 and 4, and 2'9" for Division 1.
 15. Ditches should be natural and preferably riveted only on the take-off side.
 16. Water obstacle: depth at entry or exit...12"; depth between entry and exit...1'3"; height of bank of obstacle...2'0", measured from the bottom of the stream or pond at the obstacle to the top of the obstacle. The only jumping effort permitted is one at the exit from the water.
 17. The Masters will walk the course a few days prior to the Trials. Jumps may be changed only by agreement of two-thirds of the Masters when walking the course together. Masters unable to attend may send a qualified representative (i.e. a staff member) who, at the time, may vote on their behalf.
 18. Each course shall contain a GONE AWAY, which will be designated by two signs that read: "BEGIN GONE AWAY" and "END GONE AWAY" and shall be approximately 100-150 yards apart. The purpose is to demonstrate a marked acceleration in pace at the beginning and obedience of the horse to decelerate at the request of the rider at the end.
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2018 New England Hunter Trials Entry Form

All entry forms must be accompanied by a signed Waiver of Liability.

Entry forms for Qualified and Heard Cup Divisions must be signed by a Master of Foxhounds.

Name Hunt Affiliation

Address

Phone

Email

Horse

Division (*Check applicable Division. Horses can enter only one Division plus Teams/Pairs*)

Division 1: Heard Cup	\$95
Division 2: Qualified Seniors (maximum 3'6")	\$60
Division 2a: Novice Qualified Seniors (average 2'6")	\$60
Division 3: Qualified Juniors (maximum 3'6")	\$50
Division 3a: Novice Qualified Juniors (average 2'6")	\$50
Division 4: Open (maximum 3'6")	\$60
Division 4a: Novice Open (average 2'6")	\$60
Division 4b: Open High (maximum 4'0")	\$60
Division 4c: *Teams of three (maximum 3'6")	\$90
Division 4d: *Novice Pairs (average 2'6)	\$60

* Please complete additional Teams/Novice Pairs entry form. Entries may be made the day of the Trials.

(For Qualified and Heard Cup divisions)

I _____, MFH hereby certify that the above named individual meets the eligibility standards for the 2018 New England Hunter Trials.

Send entries to:

Wendy Wood
278 Cutler Rd
South Hamilton MA. 01982

Email entries to:

wendyjwood@comcast.net

Make checks payable to Myopia Hunt Club

Bit Usage Certification Letter

A signed Waiver of Liability must accompany Entry Form

I _____ hereby certify that competitor
MFH of Nominating Club

_____ riding horse _____ uses
Name of Competitor Name of Horse

this _____ type of bit (non-customary)
Name of Bit

in the hunt field on a regular basis. The bit provides the competitor with no known advantage and has been deemed appropriate and safe by our hunt club.

Name of Hunt Club

Date