

## Hello AHS Members!

The Board of Directors of the Associated Horse Shows is very excited to announce that we will be holding three Hunter Derby events this 2016 season for our members! The first Hunter Derby event will be held at the September 11<sup>th</sup> Patty Miller Stables Horse Show held at Hickory Run Farm, the second will be held at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Fox Heath Horse Show, and the third will be held at the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Jentri Stables Show. Another exciting update to our Hunter Derby Program is that we will be awarding a Hunter Derby Perpetual Trophy award at our Year-End Awards Banquet. The horse/pony who accumulates the most points in these Derby events will be awarded this trophy this season.

Each Derby event will be offered at two different heights; a 2' Derby with 2'3" options, and a 2'6" Derby with 2'9" options. Neck sashes will be awarded through eighth place, with a prize for first place.

Riders and horses/ponies must be members of the AHS and must compete in an AHS division the same day of the Derby event. Also, riders must have competed at least three times at an AHS Show during the current season, as well as the horse/pony – but not necessarily as a horse/rider combination.

A \$10 entry fee will be charged, payable to AHS, and will be used in support of the AHS' Helping Hooves Fund to support AHS members in need of aid.

A member of the board will be in touch with show managers with planning and execution guidelines. We are looking forward to the expansion of our Hunter Derby Program for our members and we look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Miller at <a href="mailto:Board@Associatedhorseshows.com">Board@Associatedhorseshows.com</a>