

E Fitch's Corner Horse Trials

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The twelfth annual Fitch's Corner Horse Trials took place over the July 29th – 30th weekend with more than 200 eventers traveling from all over the tri-state area to compete in four different divisions (Preliminary, Training, Novice, and Novice Masters). Hundreds of spectators came out on both days to view the festivities firsthand.

Capt. Mark Phillips redesigned all courses for this year's competition.

Local vendors gathered at the Horse Trials to form Fitch's Market, a conglomerate of 23 specialty shops selling riding gear as well as novelties and gifts. In its fourth year, the Market is a treat for riders and spectators alike.

Saturday evening, volunteers and organizers transformed the spectators' tent into a dazzling, enchanted venue for the Blue Jean Ball – a "touch of glitter" dance that has become a highlight of Fitch's Corner. Even the rain couldn't stop guests from enjoying themselves. Eric Hill and HiddenDrive provided live entertainment followed by DJ Joe Cool.

Sunday, the Spectators' Luncheon raised money for the Millbrook Fire Department Rescue Squad, an all-volunteer team. Catered by The Farmer's Wife, the watermelon-themed display offered a delicious array of meal and dessert.

Sunday also premiered Fitch's Corner's first Antique Car Parade. Owners lapped their vehicles around the track and parked near the tent for all to enjoy.

For a full list of results and additional photos, please visit the official Fitch's Corner website: www.fitchscorner.com



Michaela Cui and Dautless Heart were third in the Junior Open Preliminary

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Stephanie Baer and Lord Abbett were fourth in Open Training. Rick Caldwell and Outstanding Rhythm won the division, finishing on his dressage score



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Amanda Bader and Samira went home with the blue ribbon in Preliminary at Fitch's Corner Horse Trials



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