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Alice Roosevelt the first winner of the Barbara Meyer trophy at Fitch's Corner

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Alice Roosevelt and The Little Rascal on their way to being the first winners of the pony club award in honor of Barbara Meyer - photo by Pat Ike

The Fitch's Corner Event last weekend was a triumph. Of the 333 horses entered, 280 were stabled in tents at the farm. 350 competitors, hosted by the Lofgren Agency's, came to the Meet the Champions buffet on Friday evening at which four Olympic riders served as celebrity bartenders.

Phillip Dutton rode five horses, Boyd Martin and

Allison Springer both rode four horses. Kerry Millikin coached five students. There were 110 riders in the Northeast Regional Championships.

The Open Preliminary – A division was won by Boyd Martin on Pancho Villa. Ryan Wood was second on Woodstock Wallaby and Lauren Kieffer was third on Vermiculus. Ryan Wood won the Open Preliminary – B Division on Woodstock Bennett. Lauren Kieffer was second on Landmark's Monte Carlo, and Ryan Wood was third on D Day Van Plantenhof.

Dutchess County riders and horses were successful. Hope Nicyper-Meryman won the Preliminary Rider division on Optical Illusion. Bonnie Stedt's horse, Quinn Himself, ridden by Boyd Martin was second in the Open Training B division. Nancy Hathaway was fifth on King's Knight in Training Rider A as well as second on Beantown Player in Training Rider B. In the B division Sandra O'Donnell was fourth on New York Minute. Baseball anyone? Booli Selmayr was fourth on MacMahan Himself in Open Novice – A. In the Beginner Novice Championship Alice Roosevelt was fourth on The Little Rascal making her the highest placing pony club member of the event. In recognition Alice was the first winner of the Barbara Meyer perpetual trophy, a sculpture by Peggy Kaufman's of a huntsman with a pair of hounds.

There were 56 shops in Fitch's Market this year. Among the seven food vendors was the Stage Coach Market. 675 people came to the Blue Jean Ball sponsored by Berkshire Mountain Distillers.

345 attended the Spectator Luncheon catered by Gourmet to Go and sponsored by Houlihan Lawrence and J. McLaughlin. Preceding the lunch was a gallop around the stadium course by the Millbrook Hounds. The highlight of the parade of antique cars was a magnificent Bentley station wagon (a woody) owned by the Benensons. Following the parade was a presentation of the Fitch's Corner Award won this year by Donald and Barbara Tober.

For Fernanda Kellogg "my special moment was the dedication of the ambulance to Kirk and myself made by Lauri Olsen, of the Millbrook Rescue Squad along with the tribute from the Fitch's Corner Team for 20 years."

In the course of the weekend eight tons of ice was consumed.