



Southeastern Hackney Horse Association Annual Banquet

The Southeastern Hackney Horse Association held their annual high point awards banquet on February 21st in Burlington, North Carolina with over 70 in attendance. This regional group is comprised of nine states: AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA and WV.

An SHHA board meeting and general membership meeting were held just prior to the cocktail hour and awards presentation. The executive board for 2026 include Denise Trethaway, President; Ryan Barlowe, Vice President; Megan Whitby, Secretary; and Lynsey Parker, Treasurer.

The highlight of the live auction was a stallion service to Corporate Spin, generously donated by the Kildows and purchased by David Yoder. Additional auction items included a painting by Jessie Pettie, a print by Janet Hicks, and a hotel stay in Charleston, South Carolina, donated by Cookie Palassis.

Incentive Fund Shows for 2026 are ASAC, Pro-Am, Blowing Rock, ESTA Midsummer Classic and Ocala International.

Attendees included new members and many Junior Exhibitors from both performance and Academy divisions. A delicious buffet dinner was served for everyone's delight. For further information on the SHHA, please visit www.southeasternhackney.com. The association looks forward to hosting next year's banquet on February 20, 2027 in Burlington, NC.

The high point award winners from the 2025 show season are as follows.
(photos by Nikki Capps)

(Awards listed as horse/pony, owner, driver/rider, trainer)

Hackney Pony Open

1. Charlotte's Web, Tammy Whitworth, Paul Boone, Boone's Farm
2. Valet Parking, James Coffey/Jason Lovins, James Coffey/Casey Surface, Carousel Farm

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1. Valet Parking, James Coffey/Jason Lovins, James Coffey, Carousel Farm
2. Charlotte's Web, Tammy Whitworth, Tammy Whitworth, Boone's Farm

Harness Pony Open

1. CH LLF She's Unforgettable, Denise Trethaway, Denise Trethaway, Jon Walker Stables
2. Undeniable, Jason Harrell, Jason Harrell, LaMirage Stables
3. Heartland Money Talk, Paula Harris, Paula Harris, Harris Riding Academy

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Jason Harrell, SHHA Sportsmanship Award winner for 2025 show season



Sammye Lucas, SHHA Service Award winner for 2025 show season

Road Pony Open

1. X Treme Encounter, Holly Ackerman, Holly Ackerman/Mary Lou Carrick, Breakaway Farm
2. Heartland High Hopes, Susan Matheny, Sydney Fourtuner, Sandra Brown Stables
3. CH Heartland Cracker Jack, Karen/Ricky Voerg, Karen Voerg, Heritage Hill Farm

Road Pony Amateur

1. Anticipation's Monarch LF, Janet Bowen, Janet Bowen, Stonebrook Stables
2. Sinatra, Cookie Palassis, Cookie Palassis, Jon Walker Stables
3. Mile Marker, Heather Lail, Heather Lail, Limestone Acres

Road Pony Juvenile

1. Wild Thunder, Susan Matheny, Wylie Fluke, Sandra Brown Stables
2. Gilcrest's Billy Doux, Lauren Tompkins, Lauren Tompkins, Landon Farm
3. Heartland Sassafras, Julianne Goguen, Julianne Goguen, Ingleside Farm

Road Pony Under Saddle

1. Heartland Love That Girl, Lauren Tompkins, Lauren Tompkins, Landon Farm
2. Heartland Country King, Lyla Vanderspuy, Lyla Vanderspuy, Lenux Stables
3. The Chosen King, Susan Harris, Catie Evans, Ingleside Farm

Park Pleasure Driving

1. Chosen With Charm, Jason Harrell, Jason Harrell, LaMirage Stables
2. LaMirage's Panamera, Jason Harrell/Ryan Barlowe, Jason Harrell, LaMirage Stables
3. CH Heartland Cracker Jack, Karen/Ricky Voerg, Karen Voerg, Heritage Hill Farm

Pleasure Pony Adult

1. X-Pression, Ryan Barlowe/Jason Harrell, Ryan Barlowe, LaMirage Stables
2. CH Heartland Cracker Jack, Karen/Ricky Voerg, Karen Voerg, Heritage Hill Farm
3. CH Mighty Man, Denise Trethaway, Diane Dorsey, Jon Walker Stables

Pleasure Pony Juvenile

1. WP Star Claimer, Aimee Carpenter, Vivian Marks, Harris Riding Academy
2. CH Heartland Sing My Song, Julianne Goguen, Julianne Goguen, Ingleside Farm
3. Ken-Mar Angelica, Jenna Holland-Mercer, Harper Holland, Sandra Brown Stables

Pleasure Pony Under Saddle

1. Honor Bound, Catie Evans, Catie Evans, Catie Evans
2. Ken-Mar Angelica, Jenna Holland-Mercer, Harper Holland, Sandra Brown Stables
3. Maestro, Justin Silvers, Cassidy Ray, Silvers Stables



SHHA President Denise Trethaway



This is an example of the garlands that are given at the SHHA Regional Championships