

Menlo Charity Horse Show Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

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After a two-year pandemic hiatus, Menlo Charity Horse Show (MCHS) returns for its 50th-anniversary. The event will take place August 9-14th at the Menlo Circus Club in Atherton.

The Menlo Charity Horse Show is a 501(c) (3) organization that began in 1970 as a one-day horse show. It has a history of hosting world-class equestrian competitions while raising funds for charities, including Planned Parenthood, Amigos De Las Americas, and, currently, Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Vista Center was founded in 1936 and serves as a leading resource for those suffering from vision loss in San Mateo and surrounding counties. Vision loss or impairment does not have to mean the end of a remarkable life; Vista Center works tirelessly to promote independence and improve the quality of life of individuals in our community. MCHS has contributed over \$7 million to Vista Center so far, and, with the support of community members like you, we can continue to contribute to this meaningful organization.

MCHS is proud to have been designated a USEF Heritage Competition in 2012. USEF has over 2,000 recognized shows in the US, of which only 33 are heritage competitions. The designation of heritage competition is only for horse shows that have made a significant contribution toward the development and promotion of equestrian sport within the broader community. As fellow members of the horse community, the 150+ committee members invite you to share in the celebration of sport and 50 years of philanthropy.

Enjoy nightly events and the excitement of show jumping combined with entertainment, including dinners, wine, and beer tastings. Horse show highlights include the \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Presented by Dr. Daryl K. Hoffman, M.D. on Thursday, the \$10,000 Rhys Vineyards Ryman memorial Speed Class on Friday, the \$50,000 Stephen Silver Grand Prix on Saturday night, and the 50th-Anniversary Gala.

There's something for everyone at the Menlo Charity Horse Show, whether you love horses or not, so bring your friends! We hope to see you at the show.

Questions about the show? Shoot me an email at cmameesh425@gmail.com.



Winner of the \$40,000 Stephen Silver Grand Prix—Harley Brown & Mylord Cornet.



Winner of the Rhys Vineyards Ryman Memorial Lowlands Speed Class
Cassio—Rivetti and Dakota of the Lowlands.



Brooke Morin with For Fun (L) and Avery Glynn with King of Hearts (R).