

JOHN WARD MEMORIAL ROOKIE TROPHY

A traveling trophy was established in 1992 in memory of MRHA Board Member, John Ward, and is awarded each year to the high point MRHA rookie. The high point rookie has possession of the trophy for one year. John had a long time interest in reining and worked hard to make MRHA a success. His interest in horses and riding began in his teens and continued throughout his life. In addition to his work with MRHA, he had served as a 4-H Horsemanship leader and was an active member of Cedar Valley Riders Saddle Club in Ashland, Missouri. He strongly felt the future of reining depended upon helping the rookie along so they were encouraged to stay with it and keep improving. It is the sincere hope of MRHA that our many clinics will provide the help and that this trophy for rookies will provide the incentive.

Designed and handcrafted by John Coats, the trophy is made of Missouri Oak and bears the name plate for each year's winner. Rookie classes at the Slide Into Spring I & II, Wild Slide I & II and the Autumn Slide I and II will determine the trophy winner.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE JOHN WARD MEMORIAL ROOKIE TROPHY

1992 – Roger Tegtmeier
1993 – Art Canright
1994 – Lynda Elder
1995 – Chris Jones
1996 – Tammy Parker
1997 – Matt Zimmerman
1998 – Lisa Davis
1999 – James McCarty
2000 – Jane Pruitt
2001 – Collin Williams
2002 – Peggy Wolken
2003 – Judy Havik
2004 – Bruce Pittman
2005 – Susan Henard
2006 – Charles Kamp
2007 – Cindi Bodine
2008 – Kendra Cooper

Guidelines

1. NRHA rule book definition of Rookie will apply.
2. Only members of MRHA will be eligible.
3. NRHA youth point system will be used to determine winner.
4. Qualified shows will be chosen from NRHA approved shows in the state of Missouri in the calendar year for which the award is made. Wild Slide I & II and Autumn Slide I & II only.
5. Qualifying shows (preferably 3 or more) will be determined by the MRHA Board of Directors each year and announced before the first qualifying show.
6. No member will be eligible to win the trophy more than one time even if the member still meets the qualifications for the rookie class.
7. Points will be kept for horse/rider team.
8. Any questions not covered by these guidelines will be decided by the MRHA Board of Directors.

Ward Memorial Rookie Trophy Qualifying Riders 2009

Final Standings



Rider	Horse	Points
Liltroublelenawhiz	Frankie Forgey	19.5
Highlowandinbetween	Larry Inchiostro	18.5
Poco Smart Playboy	Nicole Yocks	13.5
Whizzen Out West	Jill Utecht	13.0
Haidas Lil Okie	Jamie Miller-Werling	10.0
Heza Peppy Melody	Lisa Johnson	9.0
BH Jessie	Lisa Johnson	7.0