

### **Prizes Announced for 2018 TRHC Horse Trials**

Once again, the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club will partner with the Farmhouse in Tryon, NC to offer the following prizes for the top three finishers in each of the 12 divisions at the 2018 TRHC Horse Trials.

**First place winners** will receive, in addition to the blue ribbon, the Ariat Tri Factor Grip Knee-Patch Breech. Part of Ariat's Heat Series collection, this breech is made of mid-weight stretch compression fabric with Icefil® technology. The high-tech fabric converts perspiration to a cooling sensation that helps your skin surface temperature feel up to five degrees cooler. This item is The Farmhouse's most popular selling breech this fall. Retail is for \$149.95.

**Second place winners** will receive a Rain Poncho by Horseware, the preferred brand for eventers. The H2O Poncho keeps you dry with durable poly woven fabric coated in an invisible TPU membrane. Essentials stay dry in the convenient front zip pocket. Retail is \$119.95

**Third place finishers** will receive the New Equifit schooling girth. Made in the USA, this brand is known for well made innovative products. Designed with comfort in mind, the EquiFit Essential Schooling girth is ideal for daily use. Retail on this item is \$89.95

If desired, winners may negotiate comparably-priced alternate prizes with The Farmhouse following the show.

All other finishers through 8<sup>th</sup> place will receive ribbons.

**For our College Team Challenge**, The Farmhouse will present a beautiful set of original ceramic plates, including a large plate and individual smaller plates for each rider. The winning team's name will also be engraved on the Club's permanent College Team Challenge Trophy.

## **TRHC Announces Leaders for their Horse Trials' Course Walks**

The Tryon Riding & Hunt Club is pleased to announce that local celebrities Beth Perkins and Eric Dierks will lead this year's course walks at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Horse Trials.

The walks are open to all competitors as well as the public and will leave from the Start Boxes at 4pm on Friday, October 19 at the FENCE cross-country venue.

**Beth Perkins** is well known as a local trainer and still competes herself. Based in Rutherfordton, North Carolina at her Hobby Horse Farm, Beth trains, competes, and sells horses ranging from eventing prospects to proven performers. Beth also travels the country throughout the year, giving [clinics](#) in dressage, cross-country, and stadium jumping. She rode in the 1974 World Equestrian Games at age 18 and placed 6th individually. She also rode on the gold medal team in the 1975 Pan American Games placing 5th individually. In 1976, Beth was short-listed for the Montreal Games. She has been teaching and training horses since leaving the U.S. team, except to take a few years off to finish college. Her website is at <http://www.bethperkinseventing.com/Contact/contact.htm>

**Eric Dierks** is also well-known in the local community and has led numerous course walks in the past. Eric is an "A" graduate from the Fox River Valley Pony Club and was recently inducted into the United States Pony Club Board of Governors. He splits his time between competing, training and teaching. He has competed in the North American Young Riders Championships and since then has brought up several horses through the ranks to advance level including the Rolex CCI\*\*\*\*. In his competing career, Eric was long listed for both the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Jerez de la Fontera, Spain on Eveready and the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece on Stonehedge Heritage. Eric currently is based at his Renovatio Farm in Tryon, NC with his wife Trayce. His website is <https://ericdierks.com/>