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Massachusetts Horsemen's Council 2009 Year End Awards Banquet by Melody Taylor-Scott

The Massachusetts Horsemen's Council held their annual award banquet honoring the high score riders and horses for 2009 at the Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough, MA on Saturday March 6, 2010. A great turn out of members made for a wonderful evening with face painting and balloon animals for the younger set and after dinner dancing music provided by DJ Greg Bedard. The full course menu began with cheese, fruit, crackers and cocktails from 5:30 to 6:30 allowing members a chance to socialize and catch up on happenings at their farm. The buffet offered salad, soup, Chicken Saltimbocca, Broiled Boston Baked Scrod and Bourbon Tenderloin Tips, with choice of potato or rice and seasonal veggies, followed by a fine selection of deserts.

The award presentations followed for the many classes pointed by the MHC in both open and equitation divisions. This year's unique Champion and Reserve trophies, along with the beautiful ribbons, were lovely hand painted items with the winner's name and their individual horse painted to match both the style of riding and the horse's color. Trophy items included wall clocks, keepsake boxes, wall boxes and for reserve champions a hand painted hanging slate sign, all created by Lauren DeLoreto of "Slate Expectations" in Deep River, CT. The three MHC Pleasure Classics winners were kept secret until this evening with each Champion receiving a custom embroidered jacket, Reserves received a vest.

The MHC annual award for Life Time Achievement was given to Cora Snow, and this year's Person of the Year Award went to Sally Hill for her outstanding service over the years as the MHC Secretary/Treasurer.

MHC also awards a Scholarship of \$1000.00 each, given to a Collage and High School student. The Dorothy Potter Scholarship was awarded to Phoebe Hersh and the Board of Governor's Scholarship was awarded to two students this year, Amanda D'Entremont and Alicia Ahola. The Esther Bird Memorial Trophy for Morgan English Pleasure went to Judith Cherry and DRF Immortal Mae, the Dorothy Connors Memorial High Point Hunter Rider Trophy went to Dominika Silvestri, and the Marilyn Shea memorial High Point Pleasure Horse Trophy was awarded to Sheila Murphy and Medallion.

Stop by the MHC web site, www.MAHORSECOUNCIL.com to see pictures of the evening and to view the entire list of 2009 award winners.