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Attached: Courtesy Photo of Sunni Hecht
Attached: Courtesy Photo of Josh Tishman
Attached: Courtesy Photo of Molly Adair

BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College sophomore Sunni Hecht, of Lewistown, Mont., won Regional High Point Champion at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Western Regional Horse Show, hosted by RMC at the Intermountain Equestrian Center in Billings, Mont., February 17, 2013. As High Point Champion, Hecht will move directly to the IHSA National Horse Show, May 2-5, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Josh Tishman, of Bedford, N.Y. won first place in the IHSA Regional Open Reining, followed closely by Hecht, advancing both riders to the IHSA Semi-National horse show, March 23-24, 2013 at Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky.

“I was beyond pleased with my reining pattern at the Regional show,” said Tishman of his first place ride. “I had a great horse which allowed me to show with both skill and style. I’m looking forward to the Semi-National show and then hopefully Nationals.”

Molly Adair, of Billings, Mont., won first place in the IHSA Regional Open Horsemanship class, also moving her to the IHSA Semi-National show.

As a collective effort, the RMC IHSA equestrian team finished as the Regional Reserve Champion Team, close behind Utah State University.

“This Regional show spoke volumes to our riders and their talent here at Rocky,” said Christi Brown, RMC equestrian studies assistant professor and IHSA Team coach. “It has been a phenomenal show season for us. All of our riders brought their ‘A’ game and represented Rocky Mountain College with composure and talent.”

IHSA Western Regional Class Results:

In Class 12, Walk Trot Canter Horsemanship, Lynn Green, of Glen Mills, Pa., placed third. Hannah Brown, of Mount Vernon, Wash., and Isa Bonilla, of Colombia also competed.

In Class 13, Novice Horsemanship, Erin Burns, of Castle Rock, Colo., and Liz Parkman, Granger, Ind., placed third and fourth respectively.
In Class 15, Open Horsemanship, Adair placed first. Hecht also competed. 

Class 16, Open Reining, Tishman placed first, Hecht placed second and Adair finished in third.

RMC also hosted three western IHSA shows prior to the IHSA Western Regional show on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013. The results of the shows are as follows:

In class 11, Walk Trot, Madi Young, of Newport, Wash., placed second, third and fourth.

In class 12B, Advanced Walk Trot Canter, Baylee Ostrom, of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., placed first, second and second. Isa Bonilla, of Colombia, placed first Saturday morning. Tricia Hofeldt, of Winner, S.D., placed fourth. Lynn Green, of Glen Mills, Pa., placed fourth in the first show, moving her up to class 13 and qualified for the Regional show. Hannah Brown, of Mount Vernon, Wash., placed second and third, also moving her to class 13 and qualified for the Regional show.

In class 13, Novice Horsemanship, Erin Burns, of Castle Rock, Colo., placed first, moving her up to class 14 and qualified for the Regional show. Kristina Felix Tuu’u, of San Juan Capistrano, Calif., placed first and second. Becca Wolf, of Boise, Idaho, placed third and fourth. Lynn Green, placed first and third. Hannah Brown placed sixth.

In class 14, Advanced Horsemanship, Liz Parkman, of Granger, Ind., placed third and fourth. Kristin Dillehay, of Rosewood, Ohio, placed first and sixth. Erin Burns placed second and fifth.

In class 15, Open Horsemanship, Sunni Hecht, of Lewistown, placed first in the first two shows. Molly Adair, of Billings, Mont., placed second, third and fourth. Sam Packard, of Spokane, Wash., placed third and fifth.


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