

HORSE WORLD

Hayley Broich

People's Choice Junior Exhibitor of the Year

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Hayley Broich, who ended her junior exhibitor career with a thrilling victory pass in Oklahoma City as the Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 14-17 World Champion aboard Cedarfarm Lancelot GCH, earned your vote as the People's Choice Junior Exhibitor of the Year for the 2014 show season. In training at Crystal Farms in Marshall, MI, this talented young woman is the third student of Mary Carlton to have earned this prestigious award in consecutive years.

"I always admired horses from the time I was a little girl", said Hayley. She received lessons as a birthday gift from her dad when she was nine years old. Her first horse, Aquila's Light Brigade, was purchased for the walk-trot division when she was eleven. He was followed by Spiceolife Night Cadence, who joined the Broich family when Hayley turned 13. Unfortunately, Night Cadence developed an illness on the journey from Florida to his new home in Ohio that winter and was not able to show until the Gold Cup Regional that year. He recovered well enough to win the Youth Hunter Pleasure class, then proved his worth again when he and Hayley claimed the 13 and Under Hunter Pleasure Championship at the prestigious New England Regional show.

After the Grand National show in 2010, the Broich family decided to purchase GSK the Villain CH to take Hayley through the 14-17 years. While Hayley had been showing exclusively in the hunter pleasure division during 2010 and early 2011, she was concurrently learning to ride western seat. Her first foray into this new discipline came with a catch ride on Boxford Twist and Shout at the 2011 Grand National. He was purchased after



At the end of a successful junior exhibitor career, Hayley Broich was thrilled to win your votes as the People's Choice Junior Exhibitor of the Year for the 2014 show season.

the show, giving Hayley the opportunity to hone the skills she would need to ride at a national level in the western division. Ready for additional challenges, by the middle of 2012 she became the new owner of Cedarfarm Lancelot GCH (Lance), the second horse who would partner Hayley in her quest for a world championship in the senior division. Jack and Lance were destined to bring her the most exciting moments of her career.

No matter how much a rider excels, an exceptional horse is needed to be competitive at a world championship level. Hayley has two great horses in Jack and Lance. Like most top-performing Morgans, they have heart. "Jack and Lance are unique in their performance in that they are even better as the show goes on", Hayley told us. "They are always willing to do anything we ask of them. Their steadiness and ease make them stand out in a crowd."

Hayley joined the Crystal Farms team in late 2013. A resident of Ohio, she has made the long, three and a half hour trip to Marshall, MI every weekend. While it has meant putting her social life on hold and spending a lot less time at home, in addition to making sure that school work is done before heading

to Michigan, Hayley said it has been well worth it. While she missed her friends in Ohio, she was given a warm welcome as a member of the Crystal Farms family.

Just a short time after joining the Crystal Farms team, a lifetime dream came true when Hayley and GSK the Villain CH were at the top of the judges' cards as the 2013 Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 16-17 World Champions. She had placed complete trust in Mary Carlton's program and was fully committed to making her final year as a junior exhibitor everything she had aspired to since she was nine years old.

Earning top ribbons in 2014 at the shows leading up to the New England Regional, Hayley and Lance were more than ready to compete in this fiercely com-



Winning the Senior Western Seat Equitation Championship aboard Cedarfarm Lancelot GCH at the New England Regional show was a major highlight of Hayley's 2014 show season. She was joined at the out gate by her proud trainer, Mary Carlton.



Hayley's grandparents, Barb and Larry Broich (left) and her mom, Dana (right), have given Hayley their unqualified support for the whole journey.



Hayley earned her first ever victory pass at the Grand National show when she and GSK the Villain were named the 2013 Hunter Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 16-17 World Champions.



Hayley and Cedarfarm Lancelot GCH took a triumphant victory pass as the Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 14-17 World Champions, marking the finale of Hayley's junior exhibitor career.

This wonderful moment was made even more special because it would be her final equitation class with Lance in the 14-17 division. Along with Mary Carlton, the family decided they would keep him fresh for his pleasure classes in Oklahoma. "Guiding Lance to the reserve championship showed me how hard we had worked as a team" said Hayley. They were poised and ready to take the trip to the Grand National in October. At this same regional show, Hayley earned the Hunt Seat Equitation 14-17 Reserve Championship with Jack, putting Hayley in a confident frame of mind for the rest of the season with both her horses.

The Grand National show in Oklahoma City would mark the close of an outstanding junior exhibitor career. Winning world championship honors with Jack in 2013, Hayley was about to experience the same thrill with Lance. In a Grand National division so deep that there is no room for mistakes, Hayley and Lance excelled, winning the Grand National 16-17 Western Pleasure Championship and the Youth Western Pleasure Reserve World Championship. A horse who puts his heart into each performance, Lance gave Hayley another great ride at the end of a wonderful Grand National show. When the cards were in, he and Hayley were announced as the Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 14-17 World Champions. Even though Lance had already earned two victory passes, Hayley was not expecting a third. "When I knew Lance was named world champion, I was so surprised", she reported. "I knew he had a steady class, but I also knew he was tired after two weeks away from home. I was so excited and proud to hear his name called; honored to work with everyone at Crystal to take him to the winner's circle. It means so much to me knowing that we put in long hours to get there and I could not have been more excited or proud of Lance for giving his all in that class."

Mary Carlton has thoroughly enjoyed her time with Hayley and her horses. "She has the kindest heart and wants everyone to be happy. If we have a group lesson, she makes sure that everybody, especially the

quieter girls, feel included. Her spirit is so sweet." Mary worked in a way that best suited Hayley's personality, building her confidence to maximize her potential with each workout. They would set small goals each time and plan to achieve them by the time the lesson was over. "She's very special", said Mary. "People are touched by her." Hayley is equally appreciative of the Crystal Farms experience. "Working with Mary has definitely boosted my confidence. One of the best things she and everyone at Crystal does is encourage us no matter how poorly a ride may have gone. Instead of telling us what we did wrong, they kindly explain what we could do better the next time. They always approach both horse and rider with a calm, reassuring attitude and their confidence easily transfers over to us."

Hayley will transition to the amateur ranks in 2015, showing both Lance and Jack who have served her so well during her junior exhibitor years. She will be attending Baldwin Wallace University this fall to major in early childhood education. "I will not be able to show as much for the next few years but I will still be around!" she declared. When Hayley is not riding, she enjoys going to yoga classes in order to stay strong and maintain a good mind-set. She also spends as much time as possible with family and friends and enjoys hiking and reading.



Hayley earned a big hug from her trainer, Mary Carlton, after winning the Grand National Championship with Cedarfarm Lancelot GCH in Western Pleasure Junior Exhibitor 16-17.

"I would like to thank my entire family for being so supportive through countless hours of lessons, travel and attending every show with me", said Hayley. "Without my parents and grandparents, none of this would be possible. To my previous trainers – I would have never succeeded this much without your teaching as well. I also want to thank all the staff and clients at Crystal Farms – my Crystal family – who have guided me, challenged me and welcomed me with open arms into their family. And of course to all of my horses over the years, thank you for teaching me to be strong, have a positive attitude and to never give up!"

Hayley's grandfather, Larry Broich, told us "As parents and grandparents you always hope your children are successful in what they choose to do in their life. Winning is not always what you expect but doing your best is always important. Hayley has been successful because she has always done her best. Mary reinforces this philosophy with her students. Being honored as the People's Choice Junior Exhibitor of the Year is recognition that she did her best. We are proud of Hayley's accomplishments and thankful for all the memories we have of her showing Morgan horses." Hayley's mom, Dana added, "Our family is always proud of her for who she is as a person; including her strong work ethic, her love of animals, her compassion and her team spirit. We're thrilled that your readers have acknowledged all of her efforts with this award."

Hayley, an excellent example of the many dedicated young people among us in the Morgan breed, has applied her talent and determination to achieve her goals. She is a kind and positive influence on her teammates and friends. As she goes off to college, her show ring experiences will leave her supremely well-equipped to deal with life's ups and downs. We wish Hayley the very best as she prepares to take the next step into adulthood, knowing that she has earned your vote as the People's Choice Junior Exhibitor of the Year.