

# CH Tax Man Bids Farewell FROM THE SHOW RING

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*It's* been a long and fruitful career for CH Tax Man and following his final class at the World's Championship Horse Show, the Dorrestein family hosted a retirement party at the Stachowski Farm tack room for the celebrated champion. Cake, champagne and a toast greeted the star who finished his career with a good sixth place ribbon in section two of the junior exhibitor 13 & under pleasure class with Emilie Dorrestein. This is Emilie's first year out of walk and trot pleasure.

Sired by Classic Memories, CH Tax Man is out of CSF Twice Supreme (BHF). Bred by E. Kilday, the 18-year-old gelding began his show ring career as a five-year-old with Don Harris taking second in the Limit Five-Gaited class at River Ridge.



Steve and Julia Joyce worked with Emilie and CH Tax Man while they were at West Wind Stables.

Melinda Moore took over Tax Man for the Councilman family the following year and moved to the park division, which began a great run of success for the gelding. They began at Lexington Junior League, winning both the open and Three-Gaited Park Championship. They swept Southeastern Charity, won their one class at Kentucky Fall Classic and then finished the year at Kansas City winning the open qualifier and Three-Gaited Park National Championship.

In 2007, Peggy Councilman was in the irons and won several top titles in the amateur park division and then in 2009 moved to the show pleasure division where CH Tax Man was crowned the Adult Three-Gaited Show Pleasure World's Champion of Champions and Adult Three-Gaited Show Pleasure National Champions.

The next year CH Tax Man was purchased by the Cloud family with daughter Jessica winning the World's Champion of Champions Junior Exhibitor Three-Gaited Show Pleasure 13 & Under title under the direction of Jack Magill.

Tammy DeVore selected CH Tax Man for her son Ethan's walk and trot equitation horse in the summer of 2013 and after a season together the gelding was purchased for Ava Kimmel under the direction of Jessie and Mike Richardson. The next season CH Tax Man added another world's title to his record, taking Ava to a Louisville win in the 8 & under division.

At the end of the 2015 season Ron and Chris Dorrestein selected CH Tax Man for daughter Emilie, his final owner. What a great teacher he has been for the young rider as they started in the walk and trot division. From West Wind Stables they garnered wins and top prizes from shows like J.D. Massey, Asheville Lions Club, ASHAV and Louisville.

This year they moved to the 13 & Under Show Pleasure division under the Legacy Saddlebreds banner, again proving to be a top combination at shows like Raleigh Spring Premier, J.D. Massey and Asheville Lions Club before making their final show together on the green shavings of Freedom Hall.

After many great years of service with several riders, the grand gelding will live out his life in retirement at the famed Biltmore Estate Stables.



A Tax Man cake was enjoyed at the party.



A large group of friends and fans gave a toast for Tax Man.