

Maryland Combined Training Association

THE SOCIAL CAT (“SCAT”) MEMORIAL TROPHY (HT 10)



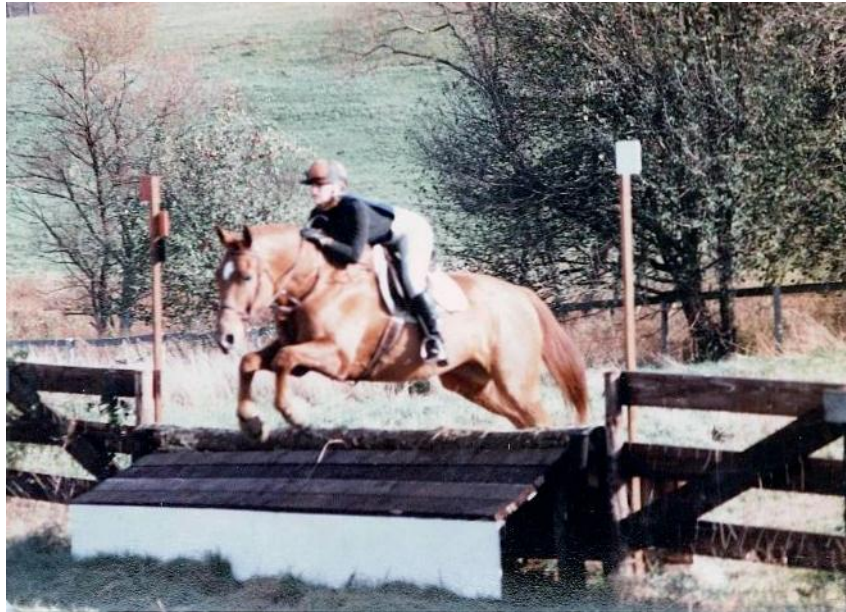
Donated by Josette M. Mitchell, this trophy honors Social Cat, affectionately known as Scat—a horse that could do anything. The two were paired together in 1982 by Mike Robertson, McDonogh School’s varsity riding coach at the time. Upon graduating in 1986 Josette purchased Scat from the school and fox hunted with him as well as competing in eventing, hunter/jumper shows, and hunter trials. He was smart, clever, and multi-talented, possessing the courage, strength, and heart of a true champion. He died peacefully, still with Josette, in 2006. The trophy is custom made by master silversmith Markham J. Frankel from argentium sterling silver and sits on a wooden base. It is presented to the horse and rider having the best overall score at the Advanced level at the MCTA Horse Trials at Shawan Downs and, due to its value, may be taken home only if the winner is an MCTA member who agrees to safeguard the trophy and return it at least a month before the next scheduled MCTA Horse Trials. Josette also donates a 14-inch engraved tray as a “keeper” trophy each year.

2007	Jessica Ruppel (Naughty By Nature)
2008	Emily Beshear (Blue Devil)
2009	Charlie Plumb (Westerly)
2010	Doug Payne (Running Order)
2011	Amy Mulhern (Ghost of Figgy)
2012	Sally Cousins (Westerly)
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2014	Sally Cousins (Westerly)
2015	Sally Cousins (Abecca GS)
2016--	no Advanced level offered



Donor Josette Mitchell presents the Social Cat Trophy to 2008 Advanced division winner Emily Beshear.

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“Scat” himself in November of 1984, taking Josette over a Training level cross country fence at McDonogh School (site of MCTA’s founding meeting and its first Jenny Camp events).