

Maryland Combined Training Association

THE AVRA MEMORIAL TROPHY



Donated in 2007 by Eliza Herman in memory of her horse, Avra, this award originally recognized the leading MCTA member-owned and member-ridden horse competing below the Beginner Novice level. With the USEA's recognition of the Starter Level in 2024 it was designated for that level only, although points can come from both USEA and unrecognized horse trials. Avra was an amazing mare who had careers as a race horse, broodmare, and Pony Club/polocrosse horse (including the USPC Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park) before Eliza taught her to jump. She began her eventing career at age nineteen!

2007	Private Benjamin (Emily Arches)
2008	Auto Pilot (Rachael Gale)
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2011	22 Freckles (Pamela Bartholomew)
2012	Rumors (Veronique Mallet)
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2014	Jasper (McKenna and Delaney O'Neil)
2015	Murphy's Amigo (Caren Meckelnburg)
2016	Eight Ball Corner Pocket (Lindsey Schweers)
2017	Keeper of the Stars (Merrilyn Ratliff)
2018	Calypso's Destiny (April Melato and Holly LaBarre)
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2020	Implicit (Doris Hoppers)
2021	Painted Arrow (Lindsey Norris)
2022	Sam I Am (Lilian Flemming)
2023	Little Chief (Ellen Kelly and Sadie Paukovits)
2024	SRT Blue Moon (Kelsey Brinegar)
2025	Dealt A Lucky Hand (Laura Beebe)



Avra, then nearly twice the age of her young owner/rider Eliza Herman, competing at Olney Farm.