

Maryland Combined Training Association

THE GRANDDAD MEMORIAL TROPHY



Donated by Olney Farm boarders and Ami Howard in memory of Ami's wonderful gray homebred, this trophy remembers a horse who won MCTA Training level high score awards twice—first with Ami and then with her daughter Kate two years later. He also competed at the Preliminary and Intermediate levels with Ami, and in his later years became a well-loved mount in Olney's lesson program. Granddad was a half-Arab, by Muffet Marahaja out of Ami's amazing producer of multiple great event horses, Amanda, who was by the Thoroughbred Imperative XX out of Emmy Lou, a draft mare who worked the garden and hay fork at Olney Farm for many years. The Granddad trophy was originally awarded to the MCTA member with the best Beginner Novice level score at the annual Jenny Camp event, but beginning in 2022 it was reserved for the top junior or young rider at that level since a new trophy was donated for BN seniors. In 2025 the age group was changed to just juniors.

1993	
1994	
1995	Toni Miller (Chapter 11)
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1997	Mary Niemela (Queen's Grace)
1998	Laura Lee Beetle (Statesman's Masterpiece)
1999	Lucy Cook (Toro)
2000	Carol Federighi (Sneakers)
2001	Jean Gerschefski (Currituck)
2002	Beth Wheeler (Ecco Classic Story)
2003	Wendy Takacs (Sevenhampton)
2004	Nancy Verzi (Pleasant Chorus)
2005	Katie Cree (Lucky Strike)
2006	Michele Buford (Make Mine Blue)

2007	Mary Jo Mitchell (My Money Bag)
2008	Lesley Long (Mardi Gras)
2009	Not awarded
2010	Caitlin Fertig (Soul Rebel)
2011	Pamela Bartholomew (Miss Behave)
2012	Pamela Bartholomew (Whispering Hero) and Lisa Masee (Chester)
2013	Courtney Sendak (Quote the Raven)
2014	Sarah Whitehead (Benevolence)
2015	Mogie Bearden-Muller (Kodiak Moment) and Courtney Sendak (DGE Punch Like A Girl)
2016	Terri DePew (Not So Holy)
2017	Jaime Peeler (Double Shot of Espresso)
2018	Jamie Peck (Lewahdizaniwho)
2019	Gabrielle Brown (Bonnie After Dark)
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2021	Monica Fiss (High and Mighty)
2022	Ella Jensen (Pineapple Prince)
2023	Maddie Nash (Believe in Bravery)
2024	Not awarded
2025	Not awarded
2026	Bennett Lauer / Ruckus



Sherry Schnepfe photo



Kate Howard photo

Granddad and his breeder/owner/rider/trainer Ami Howard jumping stadium at the Mt. Carmel Combined Tests at Ship's Quarters and cross country at the Waredaca Horse Trials in the early 1980s.



Lydia McCullough photo

Granddad over the first Training fence at Jackson Hole in the mid-80s with Ami's daughter Kate Howard. This pair went on to win the Area II Junior Training Level Championship.