Maryland Combined Training Association

THE VALERIE HUNT MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy remembers an accomplished rider and intrepid MCTA member who, among many other volunteer jobs, served as Jenny Camp and dressage show organizer, starter event secretary, and association treasurer—all while waging a fifteen-year battle with cancer. It was donated in 1995 by Valerie's father after the disease finally claimed her at age thirty-five. When the original trophy went missing the O'Neil family of Cooraclare Farm in White Hall kindly donated the replacement trophy pictured in 2016. At first this was the only trophy offered at the Starter Horse Trials, but it was soon designated specifically for the Junior/Young Rider MCTA member with the best Beginner Novice score at that event. In 2025 the age group became juniors only.

1995	Stephen Fulton (FMF Boobonic)
1996	Denise Nader (Octavius)
1997	Chelsea Reinhardt (Quick Raise)
1998	Alison Haase (Xpress Comet)
1999	Alyssa Peterson (Doodlebug)
2000	Bethany Baumgardner (Zophia)
2001	Claire Dawson (Gaiter)
2002	Katie Domino (Impressive Starman)
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2005	Erin Bottner (CT's Copper Image)
2006	Donna Fowble (Amerrico's Jewel)
2007	Asta Repenning (Second Chance)

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2011	Hannah Reynolds (Tootsie Roll)
2012	Hannah Reynolds (Curious Kim)
2013	Abu Scholl (An Obvious Gem)
2014	Grace Gorham (Quite the Believer)
2015	Delaney O'Neil (Jasper)
2016	Delaney O'Neil (An Irish Blessing)
2017	Jamie Peeler (Double Shot of Esspresso)
2018	Gretchen Eisenberg (Dr. Suess)
2019	Lily Kuhr (Johnny Cash)
2020	Gabrielle Brown (Bonnie After Dark)
2021	Ella Jensen (Pineapple Prince)
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2023	Madalyn Caiazzo (Lexington)
2024	Kate Benjamin (In The Danger Zone)
2025	Ryleigh Adams (Peek A Boo)
2026	Ryleigh Adams (Girl Scout Cookie)

Delaney O'Neil won the Valerie Hunt Memorial Trophy twice, first with Jasper (left) and then with An Irish Blessing, aka Oliver (right).
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