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**North American League Riders Take Aim on Year-End Finals in Harrisburg and Las Vegas**

Annville, PA—February 8, 2011—As the mid-point in the 2011 North American League (NAL) draws closer, riders are doing all they can to earn valuable points in the Series' overall standings. As point tallies are increasing, so too are excitement levels as the NAL prepares to host its first ever dual year-end Finals.

The NAL will maintain its traditional year-end Finals in six divisions – Children's Hunter, Adult Hunter, Children's Jumper, Adult Jumper, Pony Jumper, and the Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper – at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in Harrisburg, PA, in October, while adding new West Coast Finals (in all divisions except Pony Jumpers) at the Las Vegas National Horse Show in Las Vegas, NV, in November.

Riders need not be members of the NAL to compete in the qualifying classes, but only members earn points toward the year-end finals. With the annual membership fee only \$35, most riders join in hopes of earning a trip to Harrisburg or Las Vegas. The current NAL qualifying period began on September 1, 2010 and runs through August 31, 2011.

"This is a landmark year to be a part of the NAL," said Lloyd Longenecker, President of Ryegate Show Services, Inc., which administers the North American League. "Whether you live on the East or West Coast or someplace in between, we encourage you to join the NAL and start earning points so that we can see you at one or both of our year-end Finals!"

Through the end of January, Melanie Taetle of Atlanta, GA, and *Omega D'Elle* led the Children's Hunter Division, with 1,694 points. In second was Emily Weeks of Atlanta, GA, and *Believe* with 1,659 points. In third was Brynn Elliott of Atlanta, GA, and *Any Wonder* with 1,526 points.

In the Adult Hunter Division, Linda Seay of Murfreesboro, TN, led aboard *Livingston* with 1,384 points. Tied for second was Stuart Landin of Richmond, VA, and *Minden* and Mindy Wurzburg of Memphis, TN, and *Overseas*; both with 867 points.

In the Children's Jumper Division, Christopher Johnson of Carmel, IN, led aboard *Carmelita* with 1,421 points. In second was Natalya Jarczyk of Orange Park, FL, and *Frivole Des Pres* with 875 points. In third was Abbie Ross of Wheaton, IL, and *TNT* with 846 points.

In the Adult Jumper Division, Heather Collins Villemarie of Estero, FL, and *Livius* led with 1,035 points. In second was Kirsten Tillotson of Roxboro, NC, and *It's All About Me* with 1,003 points. In third was Alissa Kinsey of Fort Myers, FL, and *Grisset* with 875 points.

In the Pony Jumper Division, Noah Buehler of Wall, NJ, and *Porsche* led with 164 points. In second was Lauren Attanasio of Douglassville, PA, and *Rascal* with 120 points. In third was Dagney McTaggart of Old Greenwich, CT, and *Spiderman* with 90 points.

In the Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Division, Annastelle L. Cohen of Wellington, FL, led aboard *Hojagergards Clinton* with 1,390 points. In second was Jamie Auletto of Blackwood, NJ, aboard *Claire* with 1,075 points and in third was Olivia Jack of Fairfield, CT, aboard *Valdez* with 1,050 points.

For more information regarding the NAL series, including series specifications, current standings and a list of upcoming events, please call (717) 867-5643, email to [NAL@Ryegate.com](mailto:NAL@Ryegate.com) or visit [www.ryegate.com](http://www.ryegate.com).