

2014 HORSEMANSHIP: *(Perpetual and Keeper Awards sponsored by Jake Circle K Stables): To promote an interest in horses and horsemanship, to have a particular skill in, or the art of managing, training or taking care of horses.*

The nominees for this award are:

Caroline Aarup
Cathy Fisher
John Fitzsimmons
Fitzsimmons Family
Tracy Sammons
Kiersten Van Hoffen

And the Winner is:

John Fitzsimmons

It is our pleasure to nominate The Fitzsimmons Family for the Horsemanship Perpetual Award as they are outstanding Ambassadors of the Miniature Horse breed, supporters and mentors for individuals wanting to learn about Miniature Horses, the skills of horsemanship, and the breeding, managing, training and showing of these majestic animals.

John, Donna and Julie assisted us with the breeding and foaling of our new colt in January, 2014. Their experience and guidance enabled us to receive a healthy colt and made this a tremendously positive experience, as this was our first foal. Their care and handling of the new colt has produced a well mannered and exceptionally friendly colt that we were able to proudly show this season.

They have also assisted us greatly in preparing us the shows from registration all the way to show techniques and getting our colt and mares ready for the show ring.

Their passion and commitment for Miniature Horses extends to helping people learn about these lovely horses and ultimately we have become better owners and exhibitors.

We wholeheartedly nominate John, Donna and Julie Fitzsimmons and we believe that MHCO and the Miniature Horse breed is fortunate to have these remarkable individuals involved in everything miniature!

John has trained, showed, raced and managed horses most of his life. He is obviously a great trainer, which shows in his miniature show horses, driving team and their behavior.

John's love and care for his horses is evident when he shows them in the MHCO shows, racing them and you will find him and his family with their horses at pretty

much any fair he can fit into his calendar. He is definitely promoting the miniature horse and he is a good ambassador for our club.

John is willing to share his knowledge and we have learned a lot from him over the years.

Well deserved!