

# Fox Hollow Sport Horses

2004 News

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## Eventing



Mountain Pearl finished his first year of competition with the horse trials at Hill n Hound. It was a fun filled weekend at an absolutely beautiful facility. Mountain Pearl and Sarah Hauschild competed in the Novice division. After a solid dressage test they moved on to cross country. Mountain Pearl absolutely loved it! He appeared to be in heaven galloping and jumping the cross country course. Unfortunately, we had been unable to find a water obstacle to school over before the competition. When confronted with it Mountain Pearl behaved exactly as we should have expected - he stopped. He was not going to take his rider into this unknown danger. No sir he was not. And so ended our first competition, but not the weekend. Sunday we were allowed to school on the cross country and Sarah took Mountain Pearl back to the water jump. She allowed him to fully investigate the horrors of the water, then they watched another horse go in and out without being eaten. After his first tentative wet steps he became quite the the water enthusiast - trotting in giant steps as if to see how much he could splash. Very soon he was galloping through and jumping in and out of the water as if he'd done it all his life. Just wait 'til next year! (10/2004)

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## Grand Champion Stallion



On September 10, 2004 Mountain Pearl won Grand Champion Stallion in the 2004 Cosequin/USDF Breeder's Championship for the West Central Series. This is the first time an Irish Draught has competed in this forum, and a great boon for the breed as well as Mountain Pearl himself. Mountain Pearl was shown by his trainer, Sarah Hauschild. Our thank you to Sarah for all her help.

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## A True Performance Sire

The most recent update of the Irish Horse Board data on genetic indexing shows Mountain Pearl as the leading RID sire standing in North America. Fifteen of Mountain Pearl's offspring have earned points with the prestigious Show Jumping Association of Ireland. Only one other stallion standing in North America is listed at all. Mountain Pearl has proven once again that he produces high performance in his foals.

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## Mountain Pearl makes long awaited show debut



People have asked for many years why we don't show Mountain Pearl. We have long wanted to. However, being a very small breeding operation supported to some degree by regular jobs, the hurdles have been numerous - Mountain Pearl's busy breeding schedule, lack of a suitable trainer, mares and foals to care for, etc. The good news is that in 2004 all the pieces have fallen into place! Mountain Pearl and his wonderful trainer, eventer Sarah Hauschild, competed at the USDF Dressage Lite show in June 2004. He had a great time, scoring in the 60's in both of his tests. The judge described him as "elegant". He also won the Mature Stallion Championship in the in-hand division. Not bad for a first timer at age 15! We are hoping to do some more dressage this year and either a hunter/jumper show or an event this fall. Stay tuned for more news of his fun!

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