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**19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MILLBROOK HORSE TRIALS  
TO BE HELD AUGUST 1-4 AT RIGA MEADOW AT COOLE PARK FARM**

***Olympic and Local Riders to Compete in Equestrian “Triathlon”  
Over a Weekend of Festivities for All***

MILLBROOK, N.Y. (July 16, 2019) – For the 19<sup>th</sup> year, the Millbrook Horse Trials (MHT) will take place Aug. 1-4 at Riga Meadow at Coole Park Farm, marking an annual weekend of festivities during the largest equestrian competition of its kind in the Northeast U.S.

The horse trials are considered the triathlon of equestrian sports because they include the disciplines of dressage, stadium and cross-country jumping. Throughout its history, MHT has consistently attracted Olympic-level competitors from around the country, as well as lower level local riders. Almost 500 horse-rider pairs are slated to participate, attracting thousands of spectators.

For the 19th consecutive year, the purse of prize money for riders in the Advanced and Intermediate divisions continues. This year \$10,000 will be awarded to winners in these divisions.

In addition to the riding competition, which is held in a spectacular Dutchess County country setting, MHT offers events and activities for all spectators and horse lovers. Among this year’s highlights:

- Additional activities, including a kid’s area featuring kid’s games, food and fun, as well as an exciting Four Bar High Jump Competition on Sunday.
- A trade fair offering a wide variety of horse and fashion products for sale from quality vendors, which include BayHorse Gazebos and Barns, Emerald Valley Natural Health, Hylofit, Passports, CWD Sellier, White Horse Collection, and many more.
- Water View, located above the complex of exciting water jumps, is open all day Saturday during the upper-level cross-country competition. Live commentary is provided by professional riders, along with transportation to the viewing tent and a box lunch. Tickets are required.
- For the third year, live electronic scoring will be displayed in the show jumping arena so spectators can easily follow individual competitors.
- A Benefit Luncheon will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday during the Intermediate and Advanced show jumping competition. Professional commentary will be provided by Advanced level rider, Marcia Kulak.

Tickets for WaterView and the Benefit Luncheon can be purchased at [www.millbrookhorsetrials.com](http://www.millbrookhorsetrials.com). MHT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so all contributions are tax deductible to donors.

MHT is held at Coole Park Farm on Bangall-Amenia Road in Millbrook, N.Y. Admission and parking are free and food is available on site.

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