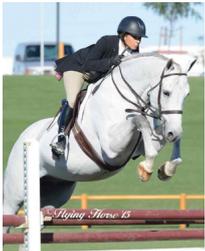


Shannon Beck & Alexandra Biederman earn top spots in first Emerging Professionals grant program.

After receiving an impressive number of applications for its Inaugural Emerging Professionals Grant, Blenheim EquiSports revealed the recipients in late March.



“We are honored to receive applications from an amazing group of young professionals,” commented Stephanie Wheeler, VP of Operations. “In honor of the inaugural year, and in an effort to reward the dedication and impressiveness of these applicants, Blenheim EquiSports is awarding additional grants.”

The winner of the 2017 Emerging Professional Grant, Shannon Beck, will receive \$5,000 of Blenheim EquiSports horse show credit. Beck works as an assistant for Chestnut Hill and Beverly Jovais in Petaluma.

A graduate of the University of San Francisco, Beck joined Jovais at Chestnut Hill in the summer 2013.

As stated on their web site, “A talented rider and teacher, Shannon enjoys all aspects of the business from managing the feeding program to working closely with vets, grooms, and the range of equine health care specialists.

“She takes particular pride in figuring out how to improve a horse’s performance with his owner, and works diligently to figure out each team.”

And in Beck’s words, “Through hard work, perseverance, and the help of many generous people I have built a reputation for myself that I’m proud of,” she noted in her application. “Showing is an exciting part of what we do, but I know it’s not just about winning ribbons and getting to ride nice horses. It’s about doing right by the horses and students while continuing to learn so you can be the best horseman you can be.”

The Emerging Professional Grant Runner-up recipient, earning \$3,000 of Blenheim EquiSports horse show credit, is Alexandra Biederman, the assistant trainer for Ginnie Bryant at Equites Riding Club in San Juan Capistrano. Having formed a syndicate to purchase a horse, Biederman has a chance to compete in her first Grand Prix classes this season. As she explained in her application, she looks at success from many perspectives.

“It is not just about succeeding as a professional in the competition arena for me. I want to succeed as a professional that others can trust and look up to; it is important to me that I always uphold true sportsmanship and that I have strong, positive relationships with others in my industry. I strive to be a top competitor, but also a young professional that others trust and respect.”

Expanding the program, Blenheim EquiSports decided to award two additional grants of \$1,000 of horse show credit to both Stephanie Nagler, assistant to Cha Cha Jago of Jigsaw Farms in Brentwood, and Bailey Fuller, assistant trainer at Lucy Alabaster’s Sweetwater Stables. And each of the remaining applicants (listed below) will receive \$250 grants:

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