

Frank Bierman Award

The Bierman Challenge cup is a perpetual trophy awarded annually to the Training Level Competitor at USPC Championships East and Festival, demonstrates excellence in the Cross Country phase of Eventing with a mount that is properly fit and conditioned.

The Bierman Challenge cup was donated to USPC by Frank Bierman, former Director of Show Operations for the Virginia Horse Center, long time pony club supporter and avid fox hunter. Frank believes that the cross country phase of Eventing best demonstrates the skills of a well rounded horseman and most closely mirrors his beloved fox hunting, the activity that led to the establishment of the USPC.

The criteria for selection of the recipient is; The Training level rider who completes the cross country course with no jumping or time penalties, coming closest to the optimal time with no signs of a stressed mount and an acceptable recovery rate as indication of the mounts overall condition. The rider must also complete the competition. In the event of a tie, the best combined score of all three riding phases will be used, and if necessary the Formal Inspection score will be used to break a further tie.

The trophy is kept on display at the USPC headquarters with each annual recipient's name engraved on the Cup. The recipient will receive an engraved Jefferson Cup.

1999 West– Laurie Beall-Canterbury Pony Club
East- Lara Metrione-Redland Hunt Pony Club

2000 Marie DeForest-Hart's Run Hunt Pony Club

2001 Alison Jacobs Peytona-Huron Valley Pony Club

2002 Claire Tyner-Huron Valley Pony Club

2003 Erica Hobbs-Peytona Pony Club

2004 Alyson Bupp-Atlanta Pony Club

2005 Christa Gandolfo-Somerset Hills Pony Club

2006 Amy Giordiano-Difficult Run Pony Club

2007 Kristina Ehmann – Ocala Pony Club

2008 Karyn Owens – Marlborough Pony Club

2009 Erika Gonza'les – Seneca Valley Pony Club