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OKTOBERFEST COUNTRY CLASSIC: NEW DATE AND NEW FEATURES FOR 2005

This year the **Oktoberfest Country Classic** National Hunter/Jumper Competition at Halton Place kicks off on a new date, from July 8 to 10, 2005.

The event, a jam-packed three day hunter and jumper competition, will culminate on Sunday featuring a \$20,000 Grand Prix class, \$4,500 Marquest Mini Prix and OHJA Jumper Development Classes. In 2004 the \$20,000 Fourmark Grand Prix class welcomed nearly 30 riders who competed over a challenging course set by Danny Foster. Mr. Foster will again take the title of Master Course Designer for the Oktoberfest Country Classic in July 2005.

This year hunter classes will run in our 150' x 360' sand competition ring while jumpers will compete in the 300' x 350' Grand Prix grass ring. Additional features of the show include an expanded Vendor Trade Fair, German beer garden, Oktoberfest music, demonstrations, a free children's village and on Saturday July 9 will take place a sanctioned **AMHR Miniature Horse Classic**.

In addition, various community events and fundraising efforts will include the **1st Annual Teddy Bear Picnic** (Saturday July 9), the **2nd Annual CASHh Benefit Dinner** (Saturday July 9 evening) and the **VIP Grand Prix Brunch** (Sunday July 10). Entrance to the show grounds is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. Prize List will be available online in early March.

"2004 was a positive year for the Oktoberfest Country Classic," says competition manager, Megan Krueger. "We anticipate that our new summer date will make this event even more successful as a unique and fresh new show on the A Circuit in Ontario."

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