RMC EQUESTRIAN TEAM COMPETES IN TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

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BILLINGS – The Rocky Mountain College Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) equestrian team competed in Twin Falls, Idaho, this past weekend, October 8-9, 2011.

University of Montana, University of Montana-Western, Montana State University, Utah State University and host team, the College of Southern Idaho, were the competitors for the weekend in three western shows, two on Saturday and one on Sunday.

RMC celebrated the victories of Erin Burns, of Castle Rock, Colo., Rachel Phillips, of Laurel, Mont.; and Shauna Ketcham, of Livermore, Calif., for their high placings and qualifying for the Western Regional show in February, hosted by RMC.

“It’s just the beginning of the show season and we already have three riders headed for the Regional show,” said Christi Brown, RMC instructor of equestrian studies and IHSA coach.

Results of the weekend are as follows:

Rachel Phillips placed 1st in the Walk Trot class, winning her points to progress into the next class level, Intermediate Walk Trot Canter, where she placed 3rd Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

In Intermediate Walk Trot Canter Liz Marklin, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada placed 2nd and 5th. Lydia Harvey, of Poulsbo, Wash., placed 3rd and 6th. Erin Burns took 1st and 5th on Saturday, moving her forward with points to the next level class, Novice.

Novice competitor Kristin Dillehay, of Rosewood, Ohio, placed 1st, 5th and 6th. Burns, on Sunday won 2nd place as a new rider in the class. Shauna Ketcham placed 3rd Saturday morning, advancing her to the Advanced class. Liz Parkman, of Granger, Ind., placed 2nd, 5th and 6th.

In Advanced horsemanship Ketcham started with a bang winning 1st place. Competitor Kayla Schlosser, of Shepherd, Mont., placed 4th, 5th and 6th while Rhiannon Laird, of Granger, Ind., placed 2nd and 5th.

Open rider, Sunni Hecht, of Lewiston, Mont., placed 3rd and 5th in both horsemanship and reining. Open reiner Hayden Hadley, of Baker, Mont., placed 4th and 5th.
The next IHSA show is November 4-5, 2011 hosted by the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont.

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