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# Horse Of The Year 2009 Country Princeton

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**ALEXIS SWARTZ**  
**2009 EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR**

Patience Pays Off...

Country Princeton aka "P" and Lexe met about two years ago. At this time, "P" didn't realize how much Lexe needed him to heal her broken heart over the loss of Country Flag. But then again, looking back, "P" didn't realize how much this young heart needed to reach out and love him right back. All good love stories tend to start with a broken heart, and end with "And They Live Happily Ever After" type ending. Most of the time they don't tell you much about the struggles that get you to the sappy endings, but the patience, through these struggles is what makes the story interesting. Such is the case with Lexe and "P".

"P" arrived with very little knowledge of jumping. Fortunately, for this young team, Lexe knew a little bit more (not much more) than "P". Lexe, however never really had to share her knowledge with anyone. This first chapter of their lives together they learned to be patient with each other and learn from their mistakes. "P" learned how to jump and that refusing jumps is not a good idea. Lexe learned that patience and encouragement are great qualities to have when you're a teacher. Holding on tight doesn't hurt either. Progress was slow at times but a funny thing happens when progress is slow and patience is high, bonding happens. By the end of their second year together it looks as though this story may have another interesting chapter to it as this show season concluded with **Lexe receiving Exhibitor of the Year and The Laura Carlson Award**. "P" proudly received **Horse of the Year**. Patience, does in fact, pay off.

## Laura's Lane

Thank you to all the Council members and volunteers for a wonderful job organizing this year's banquet. The decorations looked great and there were plenty of great items for the auction. We had close to 140 people attending. Everyone had a great time! Congratulations to all the exhibitors and special award winners!

Also, congratulations to John Hentkowski for becoming our new Vice-Chairman and Deb Kohr, Kristi Swartz, and Shirley Craig for taking over as Hi-Point chairmen. 2010 will be my last year as Council Chairman, so start thinking of who should take over the reins in 2011!

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2010 and mark your calendars for next year's shows. Take note of the dates and locations as we have some changes!

I would like to take this final opportunity to thank all of the regional chairman, council members, and committee volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication this year. They have done an awesome job!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

*Laura*

<b>Every Member Get a Member!</b>			
	2007	2008	as of 11/14/2009
Total Members	161	154	146



