

**Quail Run Farm,
624 West Jeter Road,
Bartonville,
Texas 76226.
November, 19 2009.**

Dear Selection Committee,

I would very much like for you to consider

Jan Michie as a nominee for The Al Smith Award.

Jan Michie.
Road Runner Farm,
Argyle,
Texas.
940 241 3089.

Her best known Horse Cheers now aged 25, whom she bought as a three year old..
Winner of both Morven Park and Radnor 3 Day Event. Jan had suffered from a separated
shoulder days before Morven Park and asked Mike Huber to compete him there and
Karen O'Connor to compete him at Radnor.

Jan pays great attention to making sure that her competition horses are very fit and well
legged up. She was so disappointed that she was unable to realize her dream of
competing in a Three Day Event. She was especially thrilled that all her hard work was
appreciated when Cheers was named the Best Conditioned Horse-especially as he was a
Quarter Horse!

Jan Michie was one of the Founding Fathers of NTEA and helped organize and promote
the USCTA Recognized Horse Trials at Licksillet Farm way back in 1985.

Jan Michie has served on the board of both NTEA and USCTA/USEA for many years.
Jan has not only offered her time to Quail Run Farm when we ran recognized HT but
would bring her helper Pedro along with her. She has recently been helping Kim
Brunson to establish Texas Rose Park HT.

Jan was one of the earliest sponsors to bring well known and gifted clinicians to our area
which had a big impact on raising the standard and competitiveness of Area V riders.

Karen O'Connor has been a regular visitor to our Area over the last 20 some years along
with Nick Larkin, Jim Woffard and many more. Jan's Junior Summer Camps with Nick
Larkin have taught our riders not only how to be better riders but they learned good
horsemanship, sportsmanship and camaraderie among Area V Riders.

For many years Jan has been devoted to her students especially her young riders most of
whom have now gone off to college. She has provided several young riders who had

insufficient funds to buy suitable event horses a variety of safe and wonderful mounts. These include the fabulous pony Brandy who took Jennifer McLaughlan from BN through Preliminary. She then loaned Jennifer, her own horse, Cheers. Success for riders such as Jennifer and Erika Schweiker and others would not have been possible without Jan's compassion, integrity and enthusiasm for the sport and for her students.

Jan has a good eye for young horses and has been able to find excellent inexpensive green horses for both herself and for her students. One such horse a brown gelding Jan called Plain Brown Wrapping-"Wrap" became Karen and David O'Connor's Rattle and Hum who was short listed for the Olympics.

I feel that Jan has been a fantastic member of Area V and deserves to be recognized in some way or other, even if she is not eligible for this award.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Walling.

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