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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



What a difference a year makes! As we officially head into summer, there is a lot to be excited about. The number of new COVID cases in Canada continues to drop

while the number of people who are fully vaccinated continues to rise. This is cause for celebration, especially for those looking forward to getting back to competition.

The world of sport has truly been turned upside down in the past year. Different sports and different countries have all taken different tactics. Some, like the NBA, cancelled events altogether while our beloved sport of hockey took to playing in 'bubbles' set up by the NHL. Golf, with the advantage of being an outdoor sport, fared better than most while another outdoor sport, tennis, made headlines when players were quarantined in their hotel rooms for weeks on end after traveling to contest the Australian Open. It was quite a sight to see the world's best "practicing" on their hotel balconies.

In looking at equestrian sport, not a lot changed south of the border. In general, most competitions continued to run over the past year with increased health and safety measures in place. As an example, the 2021 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL, earned rave reviews for its strictly enforced health protocols while other Florida winter circuit venues did not even require masks to be worn on the property. With various approaches being employed across the U.S., competitors could choose where they wanted to compete based on their own levels of comfort.

Next month's Olympic Games in Tokyo will offer no such choice. Strict measures are in place to protect everyone involved in the Games as well as the general Japanese

population at large. The first of the athlete delegations are beginning to arrive in Tokyo and we've already seen the Ugandan boxing, swimming, and weightlifting teams placed in a two-week quarantine in their hotel due to two members of the delegation – one athlete and one coach – testing positive for the more contagious Delta variant of COVID, despite being fully vaccinated. Also raising eyebrows is the British Olympic Association's admission that some members of Team GB have refused to be vaccinated. While their choice is being respected, the situation raises a great many concerns.

With athletes traveling from around the world, it is inevitable that there will be more positive tests and, with them, more enforced quarantine periods. The impact this may have on equestrian sport in Tokyo remains to be seen, bearing in mind that it's not just about the human athletes being quarantined and therefore unable to train for two weeks; our "other" athlete, the horse, still needs to be exercised and cared for. I don't envy the people responsible for sorting out the logistics should there be positive tests among equestrian competitors or team personnel.

All athletes, regardless of nationality, have been on a roller coaster ride for well over a year now, first navigating the impact of a one-year delay followed by the challenges of trying to train during lock-down. Already deserving of our awe and admiration, these athletes have truly shown grit, determination, and commitment to their sport. While Canada is limited to one individual in show jumping events, we wish the best of luck to the horse-and-rider combination selected to represent the maple leaf. For these Olympic Games, simply making it to Tokyo will be a Herculean achievement in and of itself.

Jennifer Ward
Editor
The Warm-Up Ring

MEET YOUR EC JUMPING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MARNI VON SCHALBURG | KING CITY, ON

This month, we introduce you to Marni von Schalburg, who is currently in her first term as an EC Jumping Committee member. A former grand prix competitor and now show jumping trainer and coach, Marni is based in King City, ON. She is married to Stefan von Schalburg, a member of the Canadian Dressage Team that won bronze at the 1995 Pan American Games in Argentina. The couple has one child, Michael, a student at Queens University in Kingston, ON, where he is the captain of the Varsity Club men's golf team.

How long have you been involved with Equestrian Canada (EC), and in what capacity?

When Mark Laskin became the Chair of High Performance for Jumping, he asked me to join the High Performance Selection Committee. I've really enjoyed the role.

I also became more involved with EC when the Under 25 program was introduced. I used to be involved with the Ontario Young Riders program; that morphed into being part of the Under 25 program and I was on the selection committee.

With the experience gained in those two roles, I decided to put my name forward for the EC Jumping Committee.

What age did you start riding and what was the name of your first pony or horse?

I was seven. My first pony was a little white pony called Gunsmoke who was very naughty! And then my first horse, when I was 13, was Beacon Hill and he was my first jumper. I did the junior jumpers on him. When I bought him, he was 19 years old, and I showed him for four years. He was a fantastic first jumper. He was 17.2hh or 17.3hh and I was a little shrimp!

I did a clinic with "Torchy" Millar when I was around 15 or 16 and then started training with him. I rode with him and stayed connected throughout my competitive career. We remain good friends to this day.

Do you currently still ride?

I ride the clients' horses, but I do not ride competitively. I run a 15-stall barn with 80% jumpers.

What is your favourite competition memory?

My favourite memory was in the early 80s when I showed in Lake Placid. I went for a week, and it was just an unbelievable experience – driving my two horses there, showing in the grass ring, and seeing all the great riders of that time. Part of what made it so memorable was breaking down on the way to Lake Placid, and then losing my license before trying to cross back into Canada. Here I was, trying to get back into Canada to go to the Quebec City horse show. The horses had their papers, but I didn't have mine!

I was with my friend, Claire Lawrence, on that trip to Lake Placid, and she also had two horses to show. We had a camper that was always causing problems and, on the last day, the septic backed up into the shower. It was just one of those weeks. Despite all the bad things that happened and everything that went wrong on that trip, it made for amazing memories. Amazing showing, amazing learning experience, and great fun!



Marni von Schalburg and her first horse, Beacon Hill.

What is your favourite horse show venue?

Spruce Meadows. What's not to like? It is incredible jumping, and the feeling of walking into the International Ring on a horse is very special. You can relate to what it feels like to come in under the clock tower and into the ring even when you're just watching. The course design, the huge crowds – everything about Spruce Meadows is just great.

I also love some of the shows in Europe. Even the small shows are fun and have lots of atmosphere.

Which competition is still on your bucket list?

Aachen, Germany.

If you could ride any horse, which one would you pick?

Any great horse would be fun to ride.

What is your dream vacation?

After COVID, any vacation will feel like a dream! At the top of my list – and we were actually planning to do this in 2021 – was to go to New Zealand's South Island and do some hiking and exploring. The Galápagos Islands and Krueger National Park in South Africa are also on my list. And Patagonia – I'd love to go hiking there.

Cats or Dogs?

Dogs. I have an eight-year-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi named Joey. He was named after Joey on *Friends*. I like the Pembroke Corgis in particular, but Corgis in general are just hilarious. They are so loyal, and they really have a sense of humour. Joey makes me laugh every day.

Last show you binge-watched?

Schitt's Creek.

Favourite motto or saying?

Follow your passion. Be true to yourself. I like both of those mottos.

What three things are always in your fridge?

Hummus, coconut Liberte Greek yogurt, and Beck's non-alcohol beer.

What are your interests outside of equestrian?

I love golf. I spend most of my spare time golfing and going to our cottage when I'm not at a horse show. I play with my husband and our son, Michael, when he isn't working or in a golf tournament. I also love gardening, paddle boarding, and cross-country skiing.

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

I try to have as many vegetables as possible from my own garden. I have a real fear of heights; when people find that out, they can't believe I jump horses for a living! I studied environmental science. I was a really good basketball player in high school which is kind of funny because I'm only 5'2".

I was into debating in high school. I used to do all the high school debating competitions throughout Ontario. It's amazing training for the mind to analyze an argument from both sides. It's an advantage in that you can look at things from both sides, but it can almost become a disadvantage as well if you become too neutral.

That was more than one thing but there are lots of things that people in the horse world don't know about me!

Best part about your job?

Being with the horses. That's the reason I do this job.



Courtesy of Marni von Schalburg

Stefan and Marni von Schalburg traveling in Sicily.



Courtesy of Marni von Schalburg

Marni von Schalburg and Bailey competing in the Grand Prix at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, ON.

A LOOK BACK AT THE JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2011

Comfortably settled into its new home for a second year at the Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex at Exhibition Place in Toronto, ON, the Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala continued to build momentum with another sold-out event in 2011. Once again supported by founding sponsor BMO Financial Group, the annual Gala saw five new inductees welcomed to the Hall of Fame.

Last month, we looked at Class of 2011 inductees the Anderson Family (Builder – Organization); Kahlua (Jumper Horse); and Three's a Crowd (Pony). We now turn our attention to the remaining two inductees, Terrance "Torchy" Millar in the category of Builder (Individual) and the 1991 Pan American Games Silver Medal Team in the Team category.

Jump Canada Hall of Fame Class of 2011 – Part 2

Builder (Individual): Terrance Millar

It would be nearly impossible to talk about show jumping over the past 40 years without frequent mention of the name Terrance "Torchy" Millar. As a rider, trainer, Canadian Show Jumping Team chef d'equipe, and Equestrian Canada (EC) and Jump Canada Board member, Millar has been giving back to the sport he loves for almost as long as he's been involved with it.

His first major international achievement was competing at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Three years later, he was on the team that won a gold medal at the 1971 Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia, where he also claimed the individual bronze. That year, Millar was among the top 20 show jumping athletes in the world rankings. He was also a member of the 1983 Pan Am team that won silver in Caracas, Venezuela. When he retired from competing in the mid-90s, Millar had 23 Nations' Cup Team appearances to his credit.

As a coach, Millar contributed to the careers of several Canadian Olympians including Lisa Carlsen, Chris Delia, and Beth Underhill. Millar has always placed high value on bringing out the best in every horse he has trained.

"I have always enjoyed working with clients who believed that whether or not their horse was the best horse, what was more important was to try and make that horse the best horse it could be," he has said.

Millar made his debut as chef d'equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team at the 1998 World Equestrian Games in Rome, Italy. In 2006, under Millar's guidance, Canada broke its longstanding no-win record in the BMO Nations' Cup at the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' tournament. The Canadian Team subsequently won Nations' Cup titles in Wellington, Florida, in 2007, 2009, and 2010 under Millar's guidance. One of Millar's proudest moments with the Canadian team was at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"When you jump-off for the gold medal in the team competition and your rider wins the individual gold, it doesn't get much better than that," said Millar, who continued in his role as chef d'equipe through to and including the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Millar has served on the EC Board of Directors as well as the EC Sport Council. A member of the Jump Canada Board since its formation, Millar was active in creating the highly successful Jump Canada levy program.

"For me, it's simple," he said of his commitment to Canadian show jumping. "I've been involved with the sport all my life because I really enjoy it."

Team: 1991 Pan American Games Silver Medal Team

Havana, Cuba was the site of the XI Pan American Games where the Canadian Show Jumping Team, comprised of Sandra Anderson, Danny Foster, Ian Millar, and Beth Underhill, won a silver medal. Foster and Underhill also returned home to Canada with individual gold and silver medals, respectively. It was feared that the trip to a small Caribbean nation with a totalitarian Communist ruler would be fraught with problems, but the Canadians were greeted warmly by their Cuban hosts.

"We expected some challenges traveling to Havana, but what I remember is that the people were very friendly and accommodating," says Underhill, whose equine partner at the Pan American Games was Monopoly, already inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame in 2008 in the category of 'Horse - Jumper.'

The competition was incredibly close among the top teams and individuals. Brazil beat Canada for the gold by just 1.66 points and the individual competition was just as tight.



Jump Canada Hall of Fame



Jump Canada Hall of Fame

From left to right: Ian Millar, Sandra Anderson, Beth Underhill, and Danny Foster.

“Beth was within one rail of me when I was first and she was second,” says Foster, who rode an eight-year-old Irish-bred gelding named Forever Diamond in his first major games. “I had been on Nations’ Cup teams a number of times but that was my first major championship. Barbara Mitchell, my partner in business for 20 years, owned as much of that horse as I did. We wouldn’t have had him without her.”

Meanwhile, Anderson went on to finish eighth individually in her first team appearance riding Scirocco, a horse that both of her brothers, Bryan and John, had ridden before her. Millar placed 22nd individually with Franklands Farm’s Future Vision.

“When we were pulling to be first and second individually, Ian was amazing to help us out,” remembers Foster, who notes that the team and individual successes would not have been possible without the team spirit they enjoyed as well as the invaluable support of Dr. Ken Peterson as chef d’equipe.

At three, the Canadian Show Jumping Team’s results in Cuba represented Canada’s highest overall medal count in Pan American Games show jumping to date.

JUMP CUP INITIATIVE UPDATE

The Jump Cup Initiative was announced in December 2019 to support EC sanctioned hunter/jumper competitions in complying with a new rule requiring safety cups with breakaway track systems in all competition and warm-up rings. It provides reimbursements of up to \$3,000 CAD per competition venue for the purchase of FEI-approved jump cups and breakaway track systems. While the program has been suspended due to lack of levy funding, purchases made between January 1 and July 1, 2021, will be reimbursed. Please submit receipts, or any questions regarding the program, to jumping@equestrian.ca.

DESLAURIERS, FOSTER, AND MILLAR NOMINATED FOR TOKYO OLYMPICS

Mario Deslauriers of New York, NY, has been nominated to the Canadian Olympic Committee for the upcoming Olympic Games to be held July 23 to August 8, 2021, in Tokyo, Japan. Canada is eligible to send one individual to contest show jumping events. Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC, and Amy Millar of Perth, ON, have been nominated as non-traveling reserves.

Deslauriers, 56, has been nominated with Bardolina 2, a 12-year-old Holsteiner mare (Clarimo x Landos) owned by Deslauriers and Wishing Well Farm LLC. Foster, 36, was nominated with Northern Light, a 10-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Plot Blue x Contender) owned by herself and Artisan Farms LLC. Truman, a 12-year-old Selle Français gelding (Mylord Carthago x Kolibri) owned by Millar Brooke Farm Ltd. and Overlund is Millar’s nominated mount.

Final selections will be announced by the Canadian Olympic Committee in early July.

Starting Gate Communications



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Courtesy of Tiffany Foster



RULES CORNER

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Hind Boot rules are in effect at ALL Equestrian Canada (EC) sanctioned competitions. The following rules went into effect on January 1, 2021, and will be enforced at all EC-sanctioned competitions:

FEI JUMPING RULES, 26th edition, updates effective 1 January 2021

ARTICLE 257 SADDLERY

2.4. For all FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven and eight year old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in international Young Horses Competitions:

Hind boots that have a protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 centimetres; the width of the fastener must be at least five centimetres. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot (refer to FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual on the FEI website for photographs).

The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock.

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips, or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself.

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may not be used.

2.5 At all international Jumping Events and at all FEI World Jumping Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used:

2.5.1 Boots as described in Art. 257.2.4.

2.5.2 Boots that have a protective element on the inside only, and boots with a protective element on the inside and outside, that is, double-shell boots that wrap around the back of the fetlock, are permitted providing they meet the following criteria:

The boot must have a maximum length of 20 centimetres at its longest point (refer to the FEI Jumping Stewards' Manual for instructions on how to measure the length of the boot correctly).

The rounded protective part of the boot must be placed around the fetlock (for boots with a protective element on one side only, the protective element must be placed around the inside of the fetlock).

The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed.

The boot may have no more than two fasteners. Only the following types of fasteners are permitted:

Velcro-type fasteners: - Each strap must:

- o Have a Velcro or Velcro-type fastening system
- o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm if there are two straps or
- o Have a minimum width of 5 cm if there is only one strap
 - For boots with a protective element only on the inside of the fetlock, straps may be elastic or non-elastic
 - For double-shell boots, the straps must be elastic

Stud-type fasteners:

- Each Strap must:
 - o Be made of elastic
 - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm
 - o Have holes that fit over a stud on the boot

Hook-type fasteners:

- Each strap must:
 - o Be made of elastic
 - o Have a minimum width of 2.5 cm
 - o Have a hook at the end that fits into an "eyelet" on the boot

All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side but must not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself is permitted.

No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. **The use of Vet Wrap or similar bandaging material under hind boots is not permitted.**

Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (see JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may not be used.

Updated March 2021

CLARIFICATION REGARDING EQUIPMENT ON A HORSE'S HIND LEGS

For all categories at all international Jumping Events, please note the following:

- Bandages may be used instead of hind boots
- The use of Vet Wrap or similar bandaging material under hind boots is not permitted
- Pull-up socks may be used under hind boots (see photos below)
- Pressure socks may be used in the stables and during grazing in-hand, but may not be used during competition, schooling/ exercising and lunging, regardless of whether with or without boots
- Overreach (bell) boots may be used
- Heel protectors with incorporated pastern straps may never be used on a Horse's hind legs
- Total weight of equipment on the Horse's leg cannot exceed 500 grams (see JRs Art. 257.2.3)

HIND BOOTS FOR YOUNG HORSES Ref. Art. 257.2.4

For all FEI Jumping Competitions for Young Horses (five, six, seven, and eight-year-old Horses):

The following criteria must be respected in relation to hind boots worn in the international Young Horses competitions:

- Hind boots that have a protective element on the inside only are the only type of hind boot allowed. The boot must have a maximum interior length of 16 cm; the width of the fastener must be at least 5cm. Hind boots with additional protection for the pastern that extends below the rounded shell on the inside of the boot are allowed providing the protection is made of soft pliable material. The pastern protection that extends below the rounded shell on the inside is not taken into account when measuring the length of the boot.
- The inside of the boot must be smooth, that is, the surface must be even and there may not be any pressure points on the inside of the boot; for the avoidance of doubt, stitching on the inside of the protective element that attaches the inner lining to the boot, is permitted. Sheepskin linings are allowed. Only non-elastic Velcro-type fasteners are permitted; no hooks, buckles, clips or other methods of attaching the fasteners may be used;
- The rounded protective element of the boot must be placed around the inside of the fetlock;
- No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. Fetlock rings may be used for protective purposes providing they are properly adjusted and providing the total weight of equipment on the Horse's leg does not exceed 500 grams (JRs 257.2.3). Pastern bands may not be used.

HIND BOOTS FOR ALL OTHER CATEGORIES

At all international Jumping Events including FEI Jumping World Challenge Events, only hind boots meeting the following descriptions may be used (Art. 257.2.5):

Boots described in Art. 257.2.4 of the Jumping Rules.

- All fasteners must be one-directional, that is, the fastener must be attached directly from one side of the boot to the other side but must not wrap around the entire boot; no mechanism that allows the fastener to double back on itself is permitted. Any type of fastener system incorporating a mechanism that has the potential to allow extra leverage to be applied is not permitted.
- No additional elements may be added to or inserted in the boot itself. The use of Vet Wrap or similar bandaging material under hind boots is not permitted. Pull-up socks may be used under hind boots.

STRAPS:

Straps must lie flat on the Horse's leg. They may never be twisted.

Hind boots such as the example below where a single strap across the front of the leg divides into two straps in order to be fastened may be allowed provided all other features (e.g. length of boot, height of strap in direct contact with the Horse's leg, type of fastening mechanism, internal construction of boot, etc.) conform to JRs Art. 257.2.5.

Be aware that some boots produced by lesser-known companies might have straps that are less than 2.5cm in height, so be sure to pay attention to this.

CHART HIND BOOTS:

FEI JRs 2020 Art 257.2.4 & 5	All length/ heights are cm	Max length/ height longest point	Fasteners (straps)						
			Type	Number	Min width	No elastic	Elastic		
CSIYH only	Young Horse Hind Boots	16	Velcro only	1	5.00	✓			
			Stud, hook, pull-back, click, buckles not allowed						
All categories & WCHA	Inside protection only	20	Velcro	1	5.00	✓	✓		
				2	Each 2.50	✓	✓		
			Stud	1	2.50		✓		
				2	Each 2.50		✓		
			Hook	1	2.50		✓		
				2	Each 2.50		✓		
			Pull-back, click, buckles not allowed						
			Double shell / wrap around	20	Velcro	1	5.00		✓
						2	Each 2.50		✓
					Stud	1	2.50		✓
						2	Each 2.50		✓
					Hook	1	2.50		✓
						2	Each 2.50		✓
			Pull-back, click, buckles not allowed						
All categories	Fetlock ring		Allowed						
	Pastern strap		NOT ALLOWED						
	Heel protector with incorporated pastern strap		NOT ALLOWED						

From 01/01/21, the above chart applies to ALL categories, including Seniors.

2021/2022 WORLD CUP NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED



Ben Radvanyi Photography

Ireland's Bertram Allen riding GK Casper won the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto at The Royal in 2019.

The full schedule of events, including one stop in Canada, has been announced for the 2021/2022 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ North American League. The Royal Horse Show, held as part of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, will once again host a Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ qualifying event in Toronto, ON. The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Final will be hosted in Leipzig, Germany, from April 6-10, 2022.

The full schedule, consisting of eight events, is as follows:

- CSI4*-W Rancho Murieta, CA | Sacramento International World Cup Week | October 6-10, 2021
- CSI4*-W Tryon, NC | Washington International Horse Show | October 26-31, 2021
- CSI4*-W Lexington, KY | National Horse Show | November 2-7, 2021
- CSI4*-W Toronto, ON | The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair | November 9-14, 2021
- CSI4*-W Las Vegas, NV | The Las Vegas National | November 16-21, 2021
- CSI4*-W Fort Worth, TX | Fort Worth International | December 15-19, 2021
- CSI4*-W Puebla (Mexico) | February 23-27, 2022
- CSI4*-W Ocala, FL | Live Oak International | March 3-6, 2022

NEW AND UPGRADED EC HUNTER/JUMPER OFFICIALS

The following Equestrian Canada hunter/jumper officials, listed in alphabetical order, are either new or have been upgraded for 2021. Congratulations to all!

- Jennifer de Neef (Ontario) – Recorded Jumper Judge
- Anne-Marie Giacometti (Ontario) – Senior Hunter Jumper Steward
- Wendy Graham (British Columbia) – Recorded Jumper Judge
- Christina Jones (Ontario) – Senior Hunter, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Hack Judge
- Charles Legare (Quebec) – Senior Jumper Course Designer
- Ann Perreault (Quebec) – Senior Jumper Judge

CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS!

- Who:** Radovan Salek (Czechoslovakia), Seminar Director
- What:** FEI Jumping Stewards Maintenance Course with CES Assessment
- When:** Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, 2021
- Where:** Brussels, Belgium
- How:** Open to all FEI jumping stewards. Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application deadline is Monday, August 30, 2021.

For full invitation information, click [here](#).

- Who:** Károly Fugli (Hungary), Seminar Director
- What:** FEI Jumping Judges Maintenance Course with CES Assessment
- When:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021
- Where:** Brussels, Belgium
- How:** Open to all FEI jumping judges. Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application deadline is Monday, September 20, 2021.

For full invitation information, click [here](#).

- Who:** Cesar Hirsch (Venezuela), Seminar Director
- What:** FEI Promotion and Transfer Course up to FEI Level 1 Steward
- When:** Wednesday to Friday, October 27-29, 2021
- Where:** San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- How:** Limited to a maximum of 15 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application deadline is Monday, September 13, 2021.

For full invitation information, click [here](#).

- Who:** David Distler (United States), Seminar Director
- What:** FEI Jumping Stewards Maintenance Course with CES Assessment
- When:** Monday, November 8, 2021
- Where:** Lexington, Kentucky, USA
- How:** Open to all FEI jumping stewards. Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. Application deadline is Monday, October 4, 2021.

For full invitation information, click [here](#).

SUCCESS STORIES



Shannon Brinkman

ERYNN BALLARD

To say that Erynn Ballard has been on a winning streak would be an understatement. The 40-year-old from Tottenham, ON, won four major classes with multiple other top 10 placings. Ballard kicked off her winning streak riding Classic Penny, a nine-year-old Norwegian Warmblood mare sired by Clapton, in the \$37,000 1.45m Horseware Ireland Welcome Stake held May 27 during CSI2* Tryon Spring IV in Tryon, NC. Three days later, she topped the \$25,000 Sunday Classic with Ceitasi, an 11-year-old Westphalian mare (Caretello B x Cavalier).

The following week, it was Bettina des Celtes (pictured), a 10-year-old grey Selle Français mare (New Boy de Logerie x Cumano) that carried Ballard into the winner's circle after scoring victory in the \$37,000 1.45m Power and Speed during CSI3* Tryon Spring V. All three horses are owned by Ilan Ferder.

Moving south to the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL, Ballard topped a starting field of 53 entries to win the \$75,000 Stirrups Restaurant Grand Prix on Saturday night, June 26. A total of 12 horse-rider combinations jumped clear over the track set by FEI Level 3 course designer Joey Rycroft of Canada to qualify for the jump-off. Riding Ceitasi, Ballard was again clear in a time of 38.93 seconds to take the win over Aaron Vale of the United States who stopped the clock in 39.26 seconds riding Major.



Simone Ferraro

ERIC LAMAZE

Former Olympic Champion Eric Lamaze, 53, scored two major victories in two weeks on the world stage. On Friday, May 28, the Canadian annihilated the competition in the €26,400 1.55m class at CSIO5* Rome Piazza di Siena, Italy. Riding Chacco Kid (pictured), a 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding by (Chacco Blue x Come On) owned by the Chacco Kid Group, Lamaze won the speed class by posting a time of 58.78 seconds, more than three full seconds faster than second-placed finisher Emilio Bicocchi who clocked in at 62.32 seconds with Rondine del Terriccio.

Moving to CSI5* Valkenswaard, the Netherlands, the following week, Lamaze dominated Saturday's €95,000 1.55m class, which acted as the second and final class of the Global Champions League team event. That gave him the advantage of going last in the €300,000 Longines Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of Valkenswaard that immediately followed. Fine Lady 5, an 18-year-old Hanoverian mare (Forsyth x Drosselklang II) owned by Artisan Farms LLC and Torrey Pines Stable, gave it her best effort but incurred faults in the jump-off to finish fifth overall.



HITS

CASSANDRA KAHLE

Canada's Cassandra Kahle of Langley, BC, continued her domination of hunter competition south of the border. Riding High Society, Kahle earned scores of 91 and 92 for a total of 183 to win the \$5,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby during the second week of the HITS Saugerties Spring Series in Saugerties, NY. Second place went to Molly Sewell with a two-round score of 181 riding Narco while Kahle, 29, also earned third place after earning 180.5 riding Karamba, a six-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion owned by Redfield Farm.



Allyson Lagiovane for Phelps

ALI RAMSAY

A total of 22 athletes put forth their best effort in the \$36,600 CSI4* Welcome Stake held Friday, June 11, at the Traverse City Spring Horse Show in Traverse City, Michigan. Seven jumped clear over the first round track set by Olympic course designer Guilherme Jorge of Brazil to advance to the jump-off including Ali Ramsay, 29, of Victoria, BC, with two mounts, Bonita vh Keizershof Z and Lutz. First to return for the jump-off with Lutz, owned by Ramsay Equestrian Inc., Ramsay set the time to beat at 44.01 seconds. When she returned on her second jump-off contender, Ramsay again went to the top of the leaderboard with a clear round in 42.49 seconds that would prove unbeatable. Ramsay has been riding Bonita vh Keizershof Z, a 10-year-old Zangersheide mare (Bustique x For Pleasure) owned by Ramsay Equestrian Inc., since the horse was a six-year-old.

Andrew Ryback Photography



SAM WALKER

Nineteen-year-old Sam Walker of Nobleton, ON, made his first visit to Traverse City, Michigan, a winning one by scoring victory in the \$36,600 CSI2* Welcome Stake on Saturday, June 19, during the Traverse City Spring Horse Show II. Walker topped a starting field of 23 entries riding Evita, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare (Canturano x Farmer) owned by Marion and Bill Cunningham's MarBill Hill Farm. As the final challenger in the nine-horse jump-off, Walker knew exactly what he needed to do to win. Executing his plan flawlessly, Walker's time of 27.40 seconds earned the victory over U.S. Olympic team gold medalist Will Simpson who had to settle for second with a time 28.12 seconds riding Chacco P. Walker took over the ride on Evita last year from Switzerland's Steve Guerdat.

Andrew Ryback Photography



TIFFANY FOSTER

Two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC, closed out the Traverse City Spring Horse Show II in Michigan by winning the \$72,900 CSI2* Four G Surfaces Grand Prix riding Vienna. It all came down to a seven-horse jump-off where Foster and Artisan Farms' 10-year-old Hanoverian mare (Valentino x Lordanos) pulled out all the stops to produce the only double clear performance. Foster's working student, Emily Ward of Great Britain, had the fastest four-fault effort in the jump-off to place second riding her own Millioninmind.

The competition marked Foster's last on North American soil before heading to Europe for the summer season.

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AMY MILLAR

Canadian Olympian Amy Millar of Perth, ON, scored back-to-back grand prix victories with Christiano, an 11-year-old Brandenburg gelding (Canoso x Compliment) owned by Future Adventures. On Saturday, June 19, Millar and Christiano topped a 21-horse starting field to win the \$30,000 1.40m System Equine Grand Prix at Angelstone's Headwaters Cup tournament in Rockwood, ON. Five combinations advanced to the jump-off where Millar was double clear in a time of 44.95 seconds to claim victory over François Lamontagne of Saint-Eustache, QC, who stopped the clock in 46.13 seconds riding his 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse mare, Chanel du Calvaire (Luccianno x Kashmir van Schuttershof).

One week later, Millar again found herself in a five-horse jump-off, this time in the \$20,000 1.40m Topline Trailers Grand Prix held during the Ottawa Welcome tournament at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON. As the first to return for the jump-off, Millar and Christiano laid down a clear round in a time of 35.37 seconds that proved to be unbeatable. Kelley Robinson of Russell, ON, came the closest, clocking in at 35.50 seconds for second place with Blue's Yer Daddy, her 13-year-old Canadian-bred gelding (Mr. Blue x Lys de Darmen).

McCool Photography



BRADEN JAMES

Canadian native Braden James won the \$25,000 Markel Insurance 1.45m Grand Prix on Saturday, June 26, during the Blenheim June Classic III in San Juan Capistrano, California. James was one of only two riders to advance to the jump-off over the track set by course designer Oscar Soberon. First to return, Trent McGee riding Boucherom set the time to beat at 37.70 seconds but one rail down left the door open for James. Riding Iceman, an eight-year-old grey stallion, James opted for a slow and steady clear in a time of 46.25 seconds to take the win. In addition to his victory, James was named the Equ Lifestyle Boutique Best Jumper Style Award winner.

LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS

TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of May 31, 2021*



21.	Eric Lamaze	2400	355.	Kara Chad	728
36.	Mario Deslauriers	2050	419.	Rachel Cornacchia	615
88.	Tiffany Foster	1623	504.	Jill Henselwood	485
103.	Erynn Ballard	1543	541.	Ben Asselin	445
210.	Amy Millar	1102	579.	Jonathon Millar	415
273.	Sam Walker	917	593.	Hyde Moffatt	403
274.	Vanessa Mannix	905	607.	Lisa Carlsen	390
300.	Jim Ifko	843	612.	Brian Morton	385
305.	Ali Ramsay	825	663.	Jacqueline Steffens	345
316.	Beth Underhill	810	671.	Kean White	340

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