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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



The winter circuits down south are wrapping up and we're starting to see more days with temperatures above zero than below here at home. That means spring must be on the horizon and with it, the excitement of another show season. After two years of challenging conditions courtesy of COVID-19, we're all looking forward to some sort of normalcy for the 2022 season.

In Canadian Show Jumping Team news, Eric Lamaze recently took over the helm and has already led two all-female teams to second place finishes in their first two outings. At the beginning of March, Erynn Ballard, Tiffany Foster, Amy Millar, and Beth Underhill finished second among the 11 countries contesting the \$150,000 Nations' Cup at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. The Canadian fans came out in droves to support their team, as did most high-performance jumping athletes. The excitement that Eric is building is contagious, and the energy and buzz that night in Wellington was enough to give anyone goosebumps.

While we sent a three-member team of Tiffany, Beth, and rookie Jacqueline Steffens to Mexico, the outcome was the same with Canada finishing runner-up

in the Longines Nations' Cup, the first of two qualifiers being held in North America this year for the Longines Nations' Cup Final in Barcelona, Spain. Following the shock elimination of the United States after two of its riders failed to complete the course, Canada has all but assured its invitation to Spain in September. Mission accomplished! Now the focus turns to qualifying for the 2024 Paris Olympics through a top six finish at the World Championships in Herning, Denmark, in August.

Closer to home, we are pleased to announce that, following a bid process initiated at the end of last year, the national finals for hunter, jumper, and equitation have been awarded to the 2022 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. As The Royal will be celebrating its 100th anniversary from November 4 to 13 in Toronto, ON, we will be able to celebrate our newly crowned national champions alongside the festivities. Stay tuned for full details in the next issue of The Warm-Up Ring. In the meantime, wishing you all a great start to the spring season!

Karen Sparks
Chair,
EC Jumping Committee

As always, we love to hear from you. Drop us a line at warmupring@equestrian.ca and share your feedback on this issue of the newsletter, or any other thoughts on Canada's hunter/jumper industry.

\$150,000 FEI NATIONS' CUP PHOTO GALLERY

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The official Nations' Cup team photo.



Erynn Ballard has a word with Tiffany Foster's Figor before the competition.



Eric Lamaze, middle, makes his debut as chef d'equipe of the Canadian Team.



Beth Underhill doused in champagne by teammate Tiffany Foster.



The loud and proud Canadian Team cheering section.



Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Mike Lawrence, Karen Sparks, Jennifer Ward and Anouk Blain-Mailhot.



Ilan Ferder and Erynn Ballard.



Amy Millar, Beth Underhill, Tiffany Foster and Erynn Ballard celebrate their second-place finish.



Amy Millar with her husband, Brad Jukosky.



Two Canadian icons, Eric Lamaze and Ian Millar.

ERIC LAMAZE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

Canadian Olympic champion Eric Lamaze has announced, with regret and sadness, that he has officially retired from show jumping competition.

Lamaze, who has been battling brain cancer since 2017, last competed at the CSIO5* Spruce Meadows 'Masters' tournament in Calgary, AB, where he anchored the Canadian Show Jumping Team to victory in the \$600,000 Bank of Montreal Nations' Cup on September 11, 2021. He then took a step back from competition to focus on his health, not knowing his last competitive appearance would be on home soil at his favourite venue, Spruce Meadows, where he is the all-time leading money winner with career earnings exceeding \$6.7 million.

In February of this year, Lamaze was appointed to the position of Technical Advisor, Jumping, which includes acting as chef d'equipe for the Canadian Show Jumping Team, by Equestrian Canada (EC), the national federation for equestrian sport.

"It's with great sadness that I am making this decision," said Lamaze, 53, who is based in Wellington, FL, and Brussels, Belgium. "There's a part of me that feels really upset that I've been battling cancer with the hope of riding again and I'm crushed that that won't be the case. I've always said that I will retire under my own terms when the time is right. The situation with my health has forced me to make the decision earlier than I had envisioned, but the silver lining is that I still have the will to win and can contribute to the Canadian team and the sport I love through my new role as chef d'equipe."

"Now I have to turn my focus to giving my knowledge back to my fellow riders," continued Lamaze. "I've always loved teaching and preparing horses and riders for major championships. I will give these riders every opportunity I ever had myself and I have great ideas for the future. I want every Canadian rider to know that their dreams are my dreams, too. When they win, I win."

Since taking over the position of chef d'equipe, Lamaze has guided the Canadian Team to second-place finishes in both the CSIO4* Nations' Cup in Wellington, FL, on March 5, 2022, and the CSIO5* Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ in Coapexpan, Mexico, on March 20, 2022. Given his proven track record as both an Olympic athlete and trainer, combined with his personal popularity, there has been an enormous swell of excitement and team spirit among Canada's high performance athletes and supporters as a whole.

"The new role has been much more time consuming than I first imagined, but I love the energy that we're creating and the path we're heading down," said Lamaze. "The excitement among the Canadian riders and the support they've given me has helped to make my decision much easier. What I'm giving up personally by not competing I'm gaining ten times over by leading other Canadians on their journey to success. Yes, it's bittersweet, but knowing that I can still make huge contributions to the sport in another role leaves me at peace with my decision."

As Canada's most decorated equestrian athlete, Lamaze's competition record is both long and impressive. Since first being named to the Canadian Show Jumping Team in 1992, Lamaze has won medals at every major games during his 30-year career. His crowning achievement was winning individual gold and team silver medals in his Olympic debut at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games riding Hickstead, followed by an individual bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, aboard Fine Lady 5.

Lamaze also competed at the last seven consecutive World Equestrian Games between the years of 1994 and 2018, winning an individual bronze medal at the 2010 edition in Lexington, KY, where Hickstead was honoured with the title of 'Best Horse.' He also represented Canada in five consecutive Pan American Games and led Canada to the team gold medal on home soil in his last appearance in 2015 in Toronto, ON.

Having been ranked the number one rider in the world on several occasions, contested six World Cup Final titles, and having won every major grand prix title around the world, Lamaze's contributions to his country and his sport both nationally and internationally are enormous. In 2021, Lamaze was awarded the Order of Sport, the highest recognition an athlete can receive from their country, and he and Hickstead were inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

"There are so many people to say thank you to for my career, especially the owners who I will personally thank for trusting me with their horses," concluded Lamaze. "I'm so sad to be making this announcement, it's one of the hardest things I've ever had to do, but I am excited at the same time to still be able to play a role in the sport I love."

"On behalf of Equestrian Canada, I would like to congratulate Eric on his retirement as a competitor and thank him for his unwavering dedication and passion for equestrian sport over the past three decades," said Meg Krueger, Chief Executive Officer of Equestrian Canada. "His many unmatched achievements are an enduring legacy for Canadian show jumping history. We are saddened that we will no longer experience the joy and excitement of watching Eric compete as an athlete but look forward to his contributions and success in leading our Canadian Show Jumping Team into a bright future."



2008 Olympic show jumping champion Eric Lamaze has officially announced his retirement from the sport.



The Canadian Show Jumping Team placed second in the \$150,000 Nations' Cup at the CSIO4* Winter Equestrian Festival Week 8 in Wellington, FL. Left to right: Erynn Ballard, Amy Millar, chef d'equipe Eric Lamaze, Tiffany Foster, and Beth Underhill.

CANADIAN TEAM SECOND IN WEF NATIONS' CUP UNDER NEW CHEF D'EQUIPE ERIC LAMAZE

The Canadian Show Jumping Team finished second in the \$150,000 Nations' Cup, presented by Premier Equestrian, held on Saturday, March 5, during the CSIO4* Winter Equestrian Festival Week 8 in Wellington, FL.

Competing under the guidance of 2008 Olympic champion Eric Lamaze in his new role as chef d'equipe, Erynn Ballard, Tiffany Foster, Amy Millar, and Beth Underhill took on 10 other nations in a battle for team honour.

At the end of the first round, Canada, with the advantage of drawing last in the order, sat at the top of the leaderboard after Canadian Olympians Foster, Underhill, and Millar all delivered clear rounds. Ireland was the only other country with a score of zero, followed by Great Britain, Australia, and Mexico with four faults apiece. Belgium and the United States had eight faults while Argentina was on 10 faults. As only the top eight teams moved on to the second round, Israel, Brazil, and Venezuela failed to advance.

Tension heated up as the sun went down and the second round was held under the lights in the International Arena at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. As the lead-off rider for Canada, Foster, 37, of Langley, BC, delivered another clear riding Figor, a 12-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood gelding (Querly-Elvis x Indoctro) owned by Foster in partnership with Artisan Farms LLC. It would prove to be one of only five double clear rounds produced over the track set by Nick Granat and 2008 Olympic co-course designer Steve Stephens, both of the United States.



Tiffany Foster of Langley, BC, and Figor, owned by Foster and Artisan Farms LLC.

Underhill, 59, of Mulmer, ON, was next in the ring for Canada riding Lamaze's former mount, Chacco Kid, a 16-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Chacco Blue x Come On) owned by the Chacco Kid Group. Having been foot-perfect the first time out, the pair dropped a rail at the 'c' element of the triple combination before also incurring four faults at the final fence, a liverpool oxer set in the far corner away from the ingate.

Millar, 45, of Perth, ON, kept all the rails up until the very end riding Truman, a 13-year-old Selle Français gelding (Mylord Carthago x Kolibri) owned by Millar Brooke Farm Ltd. and Overlund. With a rail down at the final fence for four faults and adding in Underhill's score of eight, Canada suddenly had 12 faults on the score board. As the anchor rider, Ballard, 40, of Tottenham, ON, was unable to pull it back for Canada, incurring 15 faults to provide the drop score riding Gakhir, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Spartacus x Indorado) owned by Ilan Ferder and Esperanza Imports LLC.

Despite a shock elimination from team anchor Cian O'Connor, Ireland won with a total of five faults. With Canada and the United States both finishing on a final score of 12 faults, the tie was broken by combining the times of the top three riders from each team to place Canada second. Great Britain finished fourth with 16 faults while Mexico was fifth with 20 faults.

"I was very happy with our team, but I feel like we let it slip away," said Lamaze, 53, whose impressive resume includes Olympic, World Championship and Pan American Games medals. "We had determined riders but in the second round we lacked energy. Tiffany was amazing and Amy was unlucky. I'll give everyone feedback on what went right and what didn't, and we'll build on the experience and get better."

The first Nations' Cup team event was held at the Winter Equestrian Festival in 2002, making this year's event the 21st edition. As the event has continued to grow in popularity with more and more countries participating, competition organizers elected to hold the first round in the daylight with teams returning for the second round at night under the lights following a one-hour break.

"Having one round in the daylight and one round at night is already very difficult for the horses, and then there was a one-hour break between the two," said Lamaze of the format used this year. "The lighting is different and that's not what the horses are expecting when they go back in for the second round; it's not fair for the horses. I think they should either have both rounds during the day or both during the night under the lights, and the second round should start right away without an hour-long delay.

"Getting past that, what I loved the most about the experience was the team spirit surrounding me tonight; Canadian riders young and old were there supporting and watching," continued Lamaze of his debut in the chef d'equipe role. "It was the most atmosphere I've ever seen the Canadian team assemble together to support each other. I was so happy to see all the Canadian riders taking part as if they were in it, and it shows me that we have a bright, bright future in front of us.

"It's all about the power of the team and the spirit of the riders," Lamaze concluded. "I want to form a team where they all help each other, and they all work together. In the short time I've been in the position, I'm already feeling this. It's very remarkable. There's some buzz. We are on to something good!"



Beth Underhill of Mulmer, ON, and Chacco Kid, owned by the Chacco Kid Group.



Amy Millar of Perth, ON, and Truman, owned by Millar Brooke Farm Ltd. and Overlund.



Erynn Ballard of Tottenham, ON, and Gakhir, owned by Ilan Ferder and Esperanza Imports LLC.



The Canadian team of Jacqueline Steffens, Tiffany Foster, and Beth Underhill took second place in the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of Mexico.

CANADIAN SHOW JUMPING TEAM SECOND IN LONGINES NATIONS' CUP OF MEXICO

The Canadian Show Jumping Team finished second in the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of Mexico held on Sunday, March 20, to close out CSIO5* Coapexpan, Mexico.

Three countries contested the annual event with a three-member Canadian team comprised of Tiffany Foster, Jacqueline Steffens, and Beth Underhill taking on Mexico and the United States. Having suffered two eliminations when Maria Costa fell from Valentino V Z and Tanner Korotkin had two refusals with Volo's Diamond, the United States was eliminated and could not return for the second round. That left Mexico and Canada to battle it out for top spot on the podium.

Mexico had the edge with a clear scoresheet following the opening round when three of its four riders posted clears, allowing the four faults incurred by Nicolas Pizarro riding Pia Contra to be dropped from the team tally. Without the advantage of a drop score, Canada was sitting on 12 faults but, with a second round of competition still to come, had an opportunity to make up lost ground and came back fighting.

Lead-off rider Beth Underhill, 59, of Mulmer, ON, got the Canadian side off to a strong start in the opening round with a clear effort



Anwar Esquivel

Beth Underhill of Mulmer, ON, and Chacco Kid, owned by the Chacco Kid Group.

from Chacco Kid. In the second round, the Canadian Olympian and the 16-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Chacco Blue x Come On) owned by the Chacco Kid Group, dropped a rail at the last element of the triple combination, set as an oxer-vertical-oxer by Mexican course designer Anderson Lima.

Making her Canadian Show Jumping Team debut, Jacqueline Steffens of Harriston, ON, posted a first-round score of eight faults after having rails at the 'b' and 'c' elements of the triple combination. The 28-year-old rookie returned to deliver a clear for Canada the second time out riding Freaky, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Darco x Litho X) owned by Steffens in partnership with Team Eye Candy.

Riding Hamilton in the horse's first Nations' Cup appearance, Foster, 37, of Langley, BC, acted as the Canadian team anchor. The two-time Olympian was close to home when a rail fell at the penultimate fence in the first round. Coming back for round two, Hamilton, an 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Quadros 3 x Acolord) owned by The Hamilton Group, touched the rail at 'b' in the triple combination to post another four faults for Canada.

Adding the 12 faults incurred in the opening round with the eight picked up in the second, Canada had a final score of 20 faults. While Mexico had been clear at the half-way point, things were not as picture perfect in the second round with 12 faults to be counted. A double clear effort from Patricio Pasquel and Babel, the only double clear performance of the day, kept Mexico at the top of the leaderboard and helped give former Canadian team Chef d'Equipe, Mark Laskin of Langley, BC, his first win with the Mexican team.

Acting as Chef d'Equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team for the second time since being appointed to the position in February, Eric Lamaze's all-female squad once again finished second, having also finished runner-up among 11 countries in the Nations' Cup held in Wellington, FL, two weeks earlier.

"It was a good team effort," said Lamaze, the 2008 Olympic show jumping champion. "Whenever you go with three riders, you need three strong-minded riders and three dependable horses. We took a big chance and came here with three riders and ended up bringing some young horses and riders. Mexico had their 'A' team and to be second to them shows a strong team effort."

Lamaze analysed the Canadian team performance by saying, "To see Jacqueline start out with eight and come back and have a clear round was fantastic. Beth continues to be a strong member of our team and maybe the first time Tiffany had a rail it was rider error, but the second four faults was unlucky; it was well-ridden, and the rail was barely touched. In Florida, I felt like we let it slip away and this time we came back to get it.

"All in all, it was a good performance," he concluded. "The day wasn't ours, but we lost to a Mexican team made up of their best riders. We continue another step in our journey forward."

The Mexican feature heralded the start of the North and Central America and Caribbean League which sees the top two teams following qualifying events head to the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Final in Barcelona, Spain, from September 29 to October 2, 2022. Following the cancellation of the U.S. leg of the league due to complications arising from EHV-1, only the third and final qualifying event in Langley, BC, remains on the competition calendar. Canada will be looking for a win on home soil when the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of Canada comes to Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC, from May 31 to June 5, 2022.



Jacqueline Steffens of Harriston, ON, made her Canadian Show Jumping Team debut riding Freaky, owned by Steffens and Team Eye Candy.



Tiffany Foster of Langley, BC, and Hamilton, owned by The Hamilton Group.

GREG GREENOUGH – 1930 TO 2022

The international equestrian community lost a giant with the passing of James Gregory “Greg” Greenough at the age of 91 on February 27, 2022.

Born on July 29, 1930, Greenough grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan, and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan. He was passionate about hockey and played for the University of Saskatchewan Huskies and the Regina Pats, forgoing a professional hockey career with the Montreal Canadiens for a career in business. Greenough moved to Edmonton, Alberta, and joined Winspear Hamilton to become a chartered accountant, ultimately being honoured with the FCA designation for his contributions to his profession. He joined Sandy Mactaggart and Jean de LaBruyère to form Maclab Enterprises in 1958, becoming the President and CEO for over 35 years and then Chairman in 1997. Together, they were instrumental in building a legacy of real estate properties in western Canada and the United States.

While many will remember him for his career in business, the equestrian community fondly remembers Greenough as a supportive father to his daughter, Gail Greenough, and as a staunch supporter of Canadian show jumping. Greg fully supported Gail’s riding career and owned Mr. T, the horse she made history with by becoming the first woman and only North American to win the World Championships in Aachen, Germany, in 1986.

His generous support extended far beyond that of his own family. He organized syndicates to keep top horses for Canadian athletes including Damuraz, the horse Mark Laskin rode to a team gold medal at the 1980 Alternate Olympics in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. He also supported other Canadian Show Jumping Team veterans including Dayton Gorsline and Olympian Jonathan Asselin as they began their professional careers.

Greg’s foray into sports administration began in 1980 when he became Chairman of the Edmonton Northlands Horse Show. He is credited with modernizing the event to such a standard that it hosted major games selection trials for the Canadian Team shortly thereafter. In 1981, he was elected President of the Alberta Equestrian Federation. That role led him to the national federation, where he served as President from 1984 to 1992. During his time at the Canadian Equestrian Federation (now known as Equestrian Canada), Greg instituted discipline committees, recognizing that success would come if each equestrian discipline focused on its own needs. This paved the way for the formation of the Jump Canada Board to manage the hunter/jumper discipline from grassroots to the podium.

Greg’s accomplishments and shrewd business mind soon caught the attention of the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) and, in 1990, he was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee, a position he held until 1998. He was also the Canadian representative to the FEI from 1984 through 1995.

In addition to the numerous roles he played in equestrian, Greg had a long history with the Canadian Olympic Committee. From 1991 through 2005, he held various positions including Vice President (1993-1995) and Chairman (1998-2001). He was also actively involved in several Olympic Games in varying capacities, including as a Director of the successful Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation. He was also instrumental in securing the 1999 Pan American Games for Canada, acting as a member of both the Bid Committee and the Organizing Committee for the Winnipeg, Manitoba, edition.

Greg’s vast contributions to sport were recognized when he was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 followed by the Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. Given all that he had done to lead, improve, and enhance equestrian sport, the Jump Canada Hall of Fame warmly welcomed him in its Induction class of 2019.

“Greg Greenough was a gentleman, a role model and an inspiration,” said Mark Samuel, FEI Vice President and Chair of the Jump Canada Hall of Fame. “He represented the sport and the country with dignity, class, and determination. It was an honour to recognize his character and accomplishments through the Jump Canada Hall of Fame. He will be missed.”

Greg is predeceased by his loving wife Audrey (1930-2002). He leaves behind sister Beth (Jim), children Jim (Dianne) John (Debbie), and Gail; grandchildren Chris (Alisha), Geoff, Amanda (Adrian), Adam (Laura), and Erin; and great grandchildren Felix, Lucy, Charlie, Kaia, and Jasper.

A quiet family service will be held with a celebration of life taking place later this spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the University Hospital Foundation at <https://givetouhf.ca/ways-to-give/>.



James Gregory “Greg” Greenough – 1930 to 2022



1986 World Champion Gail Greenough and her father, Greg, celebrate her induction into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame at the inaugural gala in 2006.

JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME FLASHBACK

Four new inductees were celebrated at the sold-out 10th annual Jump Canada Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at the Liberty Grand in Toronto, ON. Elizabeth Bordeaux (Builder – Individual), Glen Owen (Horse – Equitation) and Marion Atkinson (Groom), respectively, were profiled in the past three issues of *The Warm-Up Ring*. We now encourage our readers to learn more about Hugh Graham. Inducting in the category of Rider, Graham's fascinating career resulted in the longest, and perhaps the most entertaining, acceptance speech in the Hall of Fame's history.

Rider: Hugh Graham

Hugh Graham's career with horses is both long and storied.

It was a sign of things to come when a 12-year-old Graham, with no previous riding experience, broke and trained his family's newly acquired pony, Thunder. He was first drawn to rodeo, winning multiple titles throughout high school, including being named the 1968 Ontario Rodeo Association's Champion Calf Roper as well as Champion Junior Steer Rider. A fractured leg brought his rodeo career to an end but, as they say, when one door closes a window opens.

A job working under 1968 Olympic team gold medalist Jim Day at Sam-Son Farm in the 1970s cultivated Graham's interest in show jumping. Graham won his first grand prix in 1973 and, in 1982, was named to the Canadian Equestrian Team. The following year, he was a member of Canada's silver medal team at the 1983 Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela, riding Abraxas.

Graham made his Olympic debut at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics riding Elrond as a member of Canada's fourth-placed team. In Graham's next major games appearance, Canada would strike gold at the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Illinois, thanks in part to his pivotal clear round riding Wellington.

In 1990, the same year he competed in the World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, Sweden, Graham worked with Seymour and Gloria Epstein to establish KingRidge Stables in King, Ontario, which quickly grew into one of Canada's preeminent sport horse stables. One of their most prolific grand prix horses was Money Talks, who Graham rode to back-to-back victories in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Spruce Meadows in Calgary, AB, in 1994 and 1995. With another KingRidge-owned horse, Undercover, Graham was a member of the 1995 Pan American Games team in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and was named to the Canadian team for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

At the time of his induction to the Hall of Fame, Graham and the Epsteins were still enjoying a successful partnership more than a quarter of a century later. Graham continues to oversee the training and management of KingRidge Stables, including its breeding program and young horse development.

Further evidence of Graham's horsemanship skills can be found in the thoroughbred racing world. In 2005, he took over the management of his father-in-law Morgan Firestone's racing program, including the training of a horse named Mike Fox. Two years later, Graham led Mike Fox into the winner's circle following his victory in the 2007 Queen's Plate at Woodbine racetrack in Toronto, ON.

A veteran of Olympic, World Championships and Pan American Games, Graham has also represented Canada at four World Cup Finals and has ridden on 23 Nations' Cup teams. In total, he has won grand prix events riding 36 different horses!

A true all-round horseman who has excelled in multiple disciplines throughout his career, Hugh Graham was warmly welcomed into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame in the category of Rider.



Hugh Graham and Money Talks won back-to-back Queen Elizabeth II Cups at Spruce Meadows in 1994 and 1995.



Hugh Graham riding Dr. Mac in the winner's presentation at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in the 1970s.



Hugh Graham (right) is presented with his Jump Canada Hall of Fame trophy by long-time supporters Seymour and Gloria Epstein of KingRidge Stables.

JUMPING NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM ATHLETES NAMED FOR 2022

The A and B Squad Athletes for the Jumping National Team Program have been named based on their results during the 2021 season.

A Squad - Performance Criteria

- The horse/athlete must maintain a minimum of 60% <4 faults rate in FEI 1.55m - 1.60m or above with a minimum of 10 rounds within one calendar year for A Squad eligibility.
- Only rounds at 1.55m/1.60m count as number of rounds jumped towards A Squad eligibility.
- For purposes of naming athletes in priority order, the list of athletes will be ranked by highest % of usable scores (4 faults or less) with a minimum of 10 rounds.

Priority Order	Athlete	Horse	Percentage	# of Rounds
1	Amy Millar	Truman	79%	14
2	Mario Deslauriers	Bardolina 2	76%	17
3	Eric Lamaze	Fine Lady 5	72%	18
4	Tiffany Foster	Northern Light	71%	14
5	Mario Deslauriers	Uris de la Roque	69%	16
6	Erynn Ballard	Gakhir	64%	14

B Squad - Performance Criteria

- The horse/athlete must maintain a minimum of 60% ≤4 faults rate in FEI 1.50m or above with a minimum of 10 rounds within one calendar year for B Squad eligibility.
- The Grand Prix at FEI 2* competitions will count towards the B Squad eligibility.
- For purposes of naming athletes in priority order, the list of athletes will be ranked by highest % of usable scores (4 faults or less) with a minimum of 10 rounds.
- **NOTE:** Any competition with specs listed as 1.40m - 1.60m will be reviewed to determine if the competition results will be considered towards A Squad or B Squad criteria.

Priority Order	Athlete	Horse	Percentage	# of Rounds
1	Tiffany Foster	Brighton	100%	11
2	Mac Cone	Zaia di San Giovanni	100%	10
3	Tiffany Foster	Figor	100%	12
4	Erynn Ballard	Jack Van't Kattenheye	92%	12
5	Amy Millar	Christiano	92%	12
6	Brian Morton	Crusador Z	90%	20
7	Sam Walker	Hermelien VD Hooghoeve	88%	12
8	Elizabeth Bates	Chronos 31	86%	10
9	Darrin Dlin	Buddy Bounce	85%	12
10	Jacqueline Steffens	Freaky	84%	19
11	Lisa Carlsen	Livestream 2	80%	15
12	Eric Lamaze	Dieu Merci Van T & L	80%	13
13	Ben Asselin	Veyron	80%	10
14	Eric Lamaze	Chacco Kid	71%	10
15	Vanessa Mannix	Catinka 25	71%	24
16	Jim Ifko	Un Diamant des Forets	70%	10
17	Tiffany Foster	Hamilton	67%	15

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST DUE FOR THUNDERBIRD CHILDREN AND JUNIOR NATIONS' CUPS

The CSIOJ and CSIOCh Nations' Cup events for Juniors and Children will take place from May 31 to June 5, 2022, at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC.

Athletes wishing to be considered for the Canadian teams are asked to send their declaration of interest to jumping@equestrian.ca by the deadline of **Friday, April 8, 2022**. Please include the following details:

- Your full name and EC sport licence number
- Your horse's name and FEI document number (or horse recording number if you don't have a FEI document yet)
- The division (Junior or Children) that you wish to be considered for.

Note that the CSIOJ division is open to Junior athletes (ages 14-18) born on or between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2008. The CSIOCh division is open to Children (ages 12-14) born on or between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2010.

Requirements to Compete:

- 2022 Platinum EC Sport Licence for the rider and owner(s) of the horse
- 2022 FEI Rider Registration
- 2022 EC Horse Activation
- 2022 FEI Horse Registration
- An up to date, valid FEI Passport or FEI Recognition Card. If you need assistance applying for a FEI document, please contact Kelsey McDonell, EC Coordinator, Jumping as soon as possible as this process can take up to **15 to 30 business days** depending on what documentation your horse already holds.

For any questions, please contact the Jumping Youth Development Program Advisor, Dayton Gorsline, at daytongorsline@gmail.com or EC Coordinator, Jumping, Kelsey McDonell, at jumping@equestrian.ca.

CRITERIA NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2022 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Equestrian Canada has released the show jumping criteria for the 2022 North American Youth Championships to be held from August 9 to 14 in Traverse City, MI. There are four divisions offered – Children, Pre-Junior, Junior, and Young Rider. For full details, [click here](#).

Canadian athletes wishing to be considered for selection are asked to submit their declaration of interest to jumping@equestrian.ca by the deadline of **Friday, April 22, 2022**.

For any questions, please contact the Jumping Youth Development Program Advisor, Dayton Gorsline, at daytongorsline@gmail.com or EC Coordinator, Jumping, Kelsey McDonell, at jumping@equestrian.ca.

EQUESTRIAN CANADA BANS RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The Equestrian Canada (EC) Board approved a resolution on March 9, 2022, condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the breaking of the Olympic Truce, and Belarus' support of the attacks. EC joins the International Olympic Committee (IOC), International Paralympic Committee (IPC), Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), Canadian Olympic Committee (COC), and Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) in banning Russian and Belarusian athletes, horses, and officials from sport participation.

EC's resolution reads, "The EC Board, effective immediately and until further notice, suspends all Russian and Belarusian athletes, horses, and officials from any EC nationally sanctioned events. This suspension applies to any athlete, horse, owner, or official who is a citizen of Russia or Belarus or has declared Russia or Belarus as their nationality."

"We are deeply saddened by the ongoing events in Ukraine and are concerned for the welfare of Ukrainians and the equestrian community there," said EC Chief Executive Officer Meg Krueger. "We must stand united as a sport community that thrives on camaraderie in a state of peace and offer our unwavering support to the people of Ukraine."

LONGINES FEI JUMPING NATIONS CUP™ 2022 OF USA CANCELLED

Due to the ongoing EHV-1 outbreak in the California region, the organizing committee, together with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), have announced the cancellation of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ of the USA that was scheduled to take place in San Juan Capistrano, CA, from May 10 to 15, 2022.

Organized by Blenheim EquiSports, San Juan Capistrano was scheduled to be the second of three qualifying events in the North and Central America and Caribbean Division, alongside Coapexpan, Mexico, and Langley, BC, for the 2022 Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ in Barcelona, Spain.

“As we find ourselves in the middle of this uncertain and fluid situation, there is no realistic way for international teams invited to the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ USA to commit to the logistical preparations necessary to compete in early May,” read a statement from the Blenheim EquiSports organizing committee. “It is also only fair to ensure the athletes can plan their competition schedules, at the highest level of the sport, early and effectively. Therefore, we are announcing with great regret, the cancellation of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ in San Juan Capistrano.”

CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS!

Who: Guilherme Jorge (Brazil) and Leopoldo Palacios (Venezuela), Course Directors
What: FEI Course Designer Level 2 Promotion and Transfer Course
When: Tuesday-Thursday, May 3-5, 2022
Where: West Palm Beach, Florida
How: Open to all FEI Jumping Level 1 or National Course Designers who meet the criteria
Application deadline: Monday, April 4, 2022
Limited to a maximum of 15 participants.
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

Who: Frances Hesketh-Jones (Italy), Course Director
What: FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course
When: Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2022
Where: Madrid, Spain
How: Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards
Application deadline: Monday, April 18, 2022
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

Who: Kate Horgan (Ireland), Course Director
What: FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course
When: Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2022
Where: Madrid, Spain
How: Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards
Application deadline: Monday, April 18, 2022
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

Who: Maria Hernek (Sweden) and Diana Munnich (Germany), Course Directors
What: FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course
When: Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, 2022
Where: Istanbul, Turkey
How: Open to FEI Jumping Stewards – All Levels
Application deadline: Monday, April 18, 2022
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

Who: Cesar Hirsch (Venezuela), Course Director
What: FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course
When: Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24, 2022
Where: Bogota, Colombia
How: Open to FEI Jumping Stewards – All Levels
Application deadline: Monday, April 25, 2022
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

Who: Rob Jansen (Netherlands) and Stefan Wirth (Germany), Course Directors
What: FEI Course Designer Level 2 Promotion and Transfer Course
When: Monday-Wednesday, September 5-7, 2022
Where: Warendorf, Germany
How: Open to all FEI Jumping Level 1 Course Designers who meet the criteria
Application deadline: Monday, July 25, 2022
Limited to a maximum of 15 participants.
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

RENEW YOUR EC SPORT LICENSE TODAY!

The Equestrian Canada (EC) sport license renewal process for 2022 is officially underway. After renewing a Provincial/Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) membership, visit the [MyEC portal](#) to renew your EC sport license.

REIN FAMILY NAMED EC JUMPING COMMITTEE 'OWNER OF THE YEAR' FOR 2021



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Tara Dow-Rein and Mark Rein have been named the 2021 recipients of the EC Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award.

Mark Rein and Tara Dow-Rein have been named the "Owner of the Year" for 2021 by Equestrian Canada's Jumping Committee, the national body overseeing Canadian hunter/jumper sport from the grassroots to the Olympic level.

Rein and Dow-Rein, both originally from the Greater Toronto Area and now living in Raleigh, NC, have been long-time supporters of Canadian show jumping sport. They first became involved as owners of high-performance horses when they invested in Zucarlos, the grey stallion that Jay Hayes rode at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. With a long career at the international level, Hayes and Zucarlos, a horse that was often remembered for his signature buck while on course, represented Canada in several Nations' Cup team competitions including winning back-to-back Bank of Montreal Nations' Cups at Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 1990 and 1991.

For the past five years, the Rein family has supported Canadian Show Jumping Team veteran, Harold Chopping, who served as the alternate for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. They currently own four mounts for Chopping including the international-level horses Fast Forward, Gerderieka II VI, and Quadrant 3. At the 2021 Tryon Fall VII tournament in Tryon, NC, Chopping won the \$25,000 Tryon Resort Grand Prix riding Gerderieka II VI and placed third with Quadrant 3, marking a successful class for the Rein family's horses.

Since becoming involved with Canadian Olympic champion Eric Lamaze and his Torrey Pines Stable two years ago, the Rein family has furthered its involvement at the international level. Owning approximately 10 to 12 horses at any given time, the Reins partner with Lamaze on sales horses and maintain a top string for Beth Underhill, who currently rides for Torrey Pines Stable and who was also a member of the Canadian Show Jumping Team at the 1992 Olympics Games. Top mounts currently campaigned by Underhill under the Rein Family LLC and Torrey Pines Stable banner include Dieu Merci van T&L, Casino Calvin, and Nikka van den Bisschop.

"We are thrilled to be recognized with this award and thank the EC Jumping Committee for the honour," said Dow-Rein on behalf of Rein Family LLC. "Both Mark and I grew up riding in Ontario, and my family has a long history of involvement with equestrian sport. My father, Carl Dow, competed in eventing in the era of Jim Elder, who became a life-long friend, and was asked to be the reserve rider for the 1964 Olympic Games, although he declined due to the young age of his horse. We are excited to continue his tradition of involvement with high performance equestrian sport in Canada."

Dow would go on to compete in the open jumper division as well as act as Whipper-in for the Toronto and North York Hunt on that same horse that had been spared a trip to Tokyo, Japan, for the 1964 Olympics. He also served as the District Commissioner of the Eglinton Pony Club, signaling a life-long involvement in horse sport that he passed down to his daughter. Dow-Rein is herself an active competitor in the hunter divisions, and two of the three Rein children also compete in the hunter/jumper divisions.

First introduced in 1995, the EC Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award was created to recognize the exceptional level of dedication, commitment, and generosity that owners demonstrate when supporting Canadian Show Jumping Team athletes. Given their longstanding support of Canadian show jumping sport, the Rein family is a deserving recipient of the Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award for 2021.

For a full list of past award recipients, click [here](#).

CANADIAN SHOW JUMPING TEAM TO COMPETE IN NATIONS' CUP OF LA BAULE, FRANCE

The Canadian Show Jumping Team has been invited to compete in the CSIO5* Nations' Cup of La Baule, France, from May 5 to 8, 2022. Held in the François André Stadium, the 61st edition of International Jumping La Baule will see Canada take on seven other countries in the Nations' Cup including Belgium, Brazil, Germany, France, Italy, Sweden, and Switzerland. It will mark the third time that Eric Lamaze will act as chef d'équipe of the Canadian team when show jumping action gets underway on Friday, May 6, at 8 a.m. ET.

SUCCESS STORIES

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LORRIE JAMIESON

Having placed second one week earlier, Lorrie Jamieson of Lacombe County, AB, led the victory gallop following her win in the \$24,500 Grand Prix held on February 27, 2022, during the Sahuaro Classic tournament, part of the four-week Arizona Winter Circuit, in Tucson, AZ. Riding her homebred mare, KVF Hooz Da Kat, Jamieson was one of five entries to successfully negotiate the first-round track and advance to the jump-off. In the deciding round, Jamieson was again clear in a time of 41.76 seconds to take the win over U.S. competitor Ariel Marx who was also clear in a time of 42.56 seconds riding Ascend 54. KVF Hooz Da Kat, affectionately known as “Hoozie,” is a second-generation homebred for Jamieson’s Klondike Victory Farm that she has carefully developed through the young horse divisions. The 10-year-old mare was sired by Jamieson’s former grand prix mount, Zeno H2, and is out of a Tempranillo mare.



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PAUL HALPERN

Having won the \$10,000 1.35m Welcome Stake during the Winter Classic V, Paul Halpern of Saint Anne des Plaines, QC, and Esra made a triumphant return to the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, OH, to capture top spot in the \$30,000 WEC - Wilmington Grand Prix during week 13. Three horse-rider combinations found their way to a clear round over the track set by Canadian course designer Joey Rycroft. In an interesting twist, Halpern was joined in the jump-off by fellow Canadian competitor and his student, Chloe Parker, with two mounts. As the first to contest the jump-off track, Halpern laid down another clear round in a time 40.57 seconds that his student could not beat. With Tinka’s Soldier, Parker had the time of 39.84 seconds, but dropped a rail before being eliminated from the jump-off with her other mount, Cornet S Lady. Keeping it all in the barn, Halpern’s winning mount Esra, a 10-year-old Holsteiner mare sired by Bratt Z, is owned by his stable manager, Vanessa Lee.

The \$30,000 WEC - Wilmington Grand Prix had originally been scheduled for Saturday, March 12, but was rescheduled to Sunday when popular grand prix competitor, David Beisel, had a serious fall on course during Saturday’s \$10,000 Futures Prix. Halpern dedicated his win to Beisel, who suffered a severe neck injury in the accident. As of March 22, Beisel remained in the Intensive Care Unit at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, OH.

ALL COMPETITORS URGED TO TAKE EHV-1 PRECAUTIONS

Following the news and subsequent cancellation of the Desert Circuit Week VI at the Desert Horse Park in Thermal, CA, all athletes and support personnel are reminded to take precautions to prevent the spread of EHV-1.

When at a competition or during travel, the following biosecurity measures and best practices should be implemented:

- avoid animal to animal contact
- do not share equipment between horses. If you must share, scrub and clean equipment with detergent and dry completely
- when filling water buckets, do NOT dip the end of the hose into each bucket. Instead, hold the hose above the water when filling.
- wash/sanitize hands thoroughly before and after direct horse contact
- limit human-horse contact
- check and record temperatures twice daily
- any suspicion of horse illness, including a temperature over 101.5 degrees F should be immediately reported to the show office and veterinarian
- immediately isolate and/or quarantine any horse exhibiting symptoms of illness
- do NOT travel to another competition for 14 days
- as humans can cause disease transmission, avoid moving between barns unless absolutely necessary.

For more information on best biosecurity practices, visit the Equestrian Canada website at <https://www.equestrian.ca/industry/health/biosecurity>.

LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS



TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of February 28, 2022*

28.	Erynn Ballard	1945	310.	Lisa Carlsen	565
49.	Tiffany Foster	1720	355.	Jim Ifko	470
70.	Mario Deslauriers	1521	387.	Brian Morton	438
110.	Amy Millar	1205	406.	Sean Jobin	420
148.	Vanessa Mannix	1010	446.	Darrin Dlin	380
205.	Sam Walker	820	471.	Hyde Moffatt	355
230.	Eric Lamaze	770	483. (tie)	Alicia Gadban-Lewis	345
241.	Ben Asselin	735	483. (tie)	Nicole Walker	345
265.	Jacqueline Steffens	655	493.	Tim Wilks	340
289.	Ali Ramsay	608	593.	Mac Cone	260

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