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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Dwayne Brown Studio

This month brought an amazing result from our Canadian Show Jumping Team competing in the Nations' Cup of La Baule, France. Our third-place podium finish among the world's best – and hot on the heels of the second-place French team who posted the same number of faults that Canada did – was so very exciting. Canada last won the Nations' Cup of La Baule more than 50 years ago in 1970. Our top three finish proved that Canada can hold its own when competing against the best countries in the world, and to see Beth Underhill, who jumped double clear in the Nations' Cup, go on to win the Grand Prix of La Baule two days later was the stuff that dreams are made of.

There is currently a lot of excitement at our sport's highest levels with our Technical Advisor and chef d'equipe, Eric Lamaze, setting ambitious goals. He has the track record to back it up and we continue to look forward to seeing what our Canadian team can accomplish with the former Olympic champion at the helm. Join me in wishing our riders and

their mounts the best of luck representing us on home soil in Langley, BC, for the upcoming Longines Nations' Cup on Sunday, June 5.

The excitement being felt at the top of the sport is also being felt at all levels with the Canadian show season now in full swing. It's been a challenge to prepare for this season with the new Safe Sport requirements. It's a new process to go through and frustrations have been running high. While getting your EC sport license may not be as simple as it used to be, we must remind ourselves that it represents an important step forward in protecting the sanctity of sport and creating a safe environment in which to learn and compete. Like many countries have already done, Canada has now made this a priority. This global trend is certainly an important measure for all sports to prioritize.

Enjoy the warm weather and best of luck with your horses!

**Karen Sparks**  
Chair,  
EC Jumping Committee

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# BETH UNDERHILL WINS GRAND PRIX OF LA BAULE

## Canada Third in Nations' Cup

It was a magical weekend for Canadian show jumping at the CSIO5\* International Jumping La Baule held from May 5 to 8, 2022, in La Baule, France. Canada finished third in a hotly contested €250,000 Nations' Cup on Friday, May 6, before Beth Underhill stole the show with a win on the final day in the Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule.

The Canadian Nations' Cup team comprised of Canadian Olympians Yann Candele, Tiffany Foster, Amy Millar, and Underhill faced seven other nations in the François André Stadium during the 61st edition of the French show jumping fixture. Canada was competing under the guidance of 2008 Olympic champion Eric Lamaze, who was acting in his new role of chef d'équipe for the third time.

Canada opened with a strong result in the first round, counting four faults to sit tied for the lead with Belgium at the half-way mark. France, Italy, and Sweden were close behind with eight faults apiece ensuring that the second round would be pivotal to the outcome.

Candele, 51, of Orangeville, ON, was the lead-off rider for Canada, despite having only been partnered with a new mount, Farezzo, days earlier. Riding in a five-star Nations' Cup was a big challenge for the pair's international debut, and Candele and the 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Arezzo VDL x Van Gogh) posted scores of eight and 12 faults, both of which were discarded from Canada's final tally.

Foster, 37, of Langley, BC, was picture perfect in the opening round and delivered a clear for Canada with Figor, a 12-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood gelding (Querly-Elvis x Indoctro) that she owns in partnership with Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms LLC. Coming back in the second round, the pair faulted at both the double and the triple combinations, picking up a total of eight faults.

Underhill, 59, of Mulmer, ON, was third in the rotation for Canada riding Lamaze's former mount, Dieu Merci van T&L, owned by the Rein Family LLC and Torrey Pines Stable Inc. Having jumped clear the first time out over the track set by French course designer Gregory Bodo, Underhill and the 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse stallion (Toulon x Corrado I) once again produced a fault-free round. Underhill was one of three competitors to produce a double clear performance in the Nations' Cup, the other two being Belgium's Gregory Wathelet riding his Tokyo Olympic mount, Nevados S, and Antonio Maria Garofalo of Italy aboard Conquestador.

"I'm thrilled!" said Underhill. "The horse jumped so well for me; he was spectacular. I don't know him that well and it was my first Nations' Cup with him. We'd only done a handful of classes together, but I felt very confident. Eric knows the horse so well having ridden it himself and has helped me with that aspect of putting together a partnership. I thought he jumped even better in the second round than the first; he gave me a supreme effort.

"I'm so grateful to Eric for believing in me and thank him and the Rein family for giving me this opportunity," continued Underhill. "To be here and be riding against this type of competition brings everything up another level. It was great, and a fantastic team effort all around. There is a lot of solidarity within our team; it all bodes well for the future."

There was a new Millar family member riding in the anchor position for Team Canada. As the daughter of 10-time Olympian Ian Millar, Amy stepped into her father's former role. The 45-year-old from Perth, ON, had a rail at fence nine for four faults in the opening round but returned to deliver a crucial clear the second time out with Truman, a 13-year-old Selle Français gelding (Mylord Carthago x Kolibri)



Pierre Costabadie/Scoopdyga.com

Beth Underhill of Mulmer, ON, delivered double clear rounds riding Dieu Merci van T&L, owned by the Rein Family LLC and Torrey Pines Stable Inc.



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Canadian Show Jumping Team personnel celebrate Beth Underhill's clear round in the 'kiss and cry' area. From left to right: Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Tiffany Foster, Tim Wilks, Eric Lamaze, Clémence Resseguier, and David Marion.



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

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Adding Foster's eight faults to the four incurred by Millar in the opening round gave Canada a final score of 12 faults. France also produced a score of 12 faults but in a faster combined time of 211.13 seconds compared to Canada's 217.12 seconds to break the tie in favour of the home nation.

Belgium claimed victory with eight faults, followed by France and Canada. The defending champion, Switzerland, was faster than Italy to take fourth place when both countries had 16 fault totals. Germany took sixth position with 17 faults followed by Brazil in seventh with 21 faults while Sweden was eighth with 28 faults.

"They are all great riders and what they did today was incredible," said Lamaze of his Canadian team members. "It's a new horse for Yann and it was a big ask, but they'll be further along for the next time. Beth was nothing but class; I'm not sure I could have done any better myself. She is a world-class rider and I'm glad she had the opportunity to show her talent. All four riders are great to work with and everyone came prepared and ready to execute. We tied for second on faults at one of the best shows in the world with eight incredible teams and proved we belonged.

"What the riders did today was incredible and puts Canada back on the international scene," continued Lamaze. "Team spirit has never been higher and that's very powerful. Everyone helps each other, and they treat each other with respect. That's what it's supposed to be about. The story for Canada is about to change in a major way. The world is ahead of us and we're ready for it!"

When Lamaze spoke those words following the Nations' Cup, little did he know that the best was yet to come two days later in the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule. Underhill and Dieu Merci van T&L carried their form into Sunday where they again jumped clear in the opening round of the grand prix to advance to the second round with 11 other qualified competitors.

In the second round, Underhill and Dieu Merci van T&L delivered yet another clear round in a time of 43.77 seconds over the track set by French course designer Gregory Bodo to put the pressure on those who followed. None were able to catch her time and leave all the rails up, giving the win to Underhill and the 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse stallion. Yuri Mansur of Brazil riding Vitiki was the only other rider to produce two clear rounds, but his slower time of 45 seconds flat left him in second. There was a tie for third place when both Pierre Marie Friant of France riding Urdy d'Astree and Wathélet riding Nevados S counted four faults in the exact same time of 41.66 seconds.

"He was spectacular all week and didn't put a foot wrong," said Underhill of her winning mount. "He gave me everything he had without



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



Yann Candele of Orangeville, ON, and the newly acquired Farezzo.

question and felt better every round.”

Underhill, who operates her own Beth Underhill Stables training business in King City, ON, began riding horses for Eric Lamaze at the beginning of this season when health issues forced the 2008 Olympic champion to take a step back. Lamaze has since formally announced his retirement from the sport but has taken up his new role as chef d'equipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team with gusto.

Underhill, 59, recounted, “When I went in the ring for the second round, Eric said, ‘It’s yours to take.’ It galvanized me. I thought about all that Eric has done for us and has given me a renewed opportunity at this stage in my career. All the Canadian riders wanted to make this week count. I wanted to hold my own and put into practice all the things that we had been working on. I wanted to do it for Eric. To have a result like this is thrilling.”



Beth Underhill won the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule riding Dieu Merci van T&L, owned by the Rein Family LLC and Torrey Pines Stable Inc.

Dieu Merci van T&L was acquired in the summer of 2020 and is owned in partnership between Lamaze’s Torrey Pines Stable Inc. and Mark Rein and Tara Dow-Rein’s Rein Family LLC. Prior to La Baule, Underhill had only competed the horse during two weeks of FEI-sanctioned competition in March at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL.

“Mark has been texting after every round encouraging us; we couldn’t ask for better owners,” said Underhill of the 2021 Equestrian Canada Jumping Committee’s ‘Owner of the Year.’ “I grew up riding with Mark years ago as a junior. He is a Canadian and someone who loves the sport. We are so appreciative that he and Tara have brought their support to this level, and all that they’ve done to get us to this point. I’m very thankful to have a horse at this level.

“To watch the Canadian flag being raised and hear the anthem being played was an emotional moment, with the whole team there supporting us,” continued Underhill who represented Canada at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona with Monopoly. “To be part of a competition like La Baule is a dream come true for me. The crowd was electric and so supportive of the Canadians. Because of Eric’s history with the show, I think they have a soft spot for Canadians. It was an incredible week. We did what we came to do.”

A fan favourite at the French venue when he was competing, Lamaze has a long history with La Baule. He won the Grand Prix of La Baule on two occasions, in 2011 riding the great Hickstead and again in 2014 aboard Powerplay.

“This morning I was walking through the vendor area, and I came across the place where they have all the plaques of the past winners,” concluded Underhill. “I saw that Canada had won the Nations’ Cup in 1970, and that Eric had won the Grand Prix with Hickstead and again with Powerplay. I thought to myself, ‘wouldn’t it be magical to be part of that hallowed group?’”

Magical, indeed. During the event’s 61st edition, Underhill and Dieu Merci van T&L have written their names in the history books of La Baule.

For more information on CSIO5\* La Baule and full results, including video footage of Underhill’s winning round, visit [www.labaule-cheval.com](http://www.labaule-cheval.com).

## CET AND JC MEDAL COMPETITIONS CALENDAR

CET Medal and JC Medal competitions are scheduled to be held from coast to coast across Canada this season. Regional Finals will be held as follows:

Region	Competition	Dates
Atlantic Region (QC, NS)	Le Concours Hippique de Lévis	September 7-11, 2022
Ontario Region (ON)	Ontario Regional Finals, Angelstone Events	October 12-23, 2022
Prairie Region (Alberta)	RMSJ The Championships	September 15-18, 2022
British Columbia Region (BC)	BCHJA Fall Finale, Thunderbird Show Park	September 21-25, 2022

The CET Medal National Finals and the JC Medal National Finals will both be held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON, from November 4 to 13, 2022.

For the full 2022 calendar, click [here](#).

# EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF BARBARA MITCHELL - 1942-2022

Barbara Mitchell of Mono, ON, died on May 25, 2022, at Headwater Health Care Centre with her husband, John "JT" Taylor at her side. Revered and respected within the equestrian community, Mitchell leaves a long legacy in Canadian horse sport.

From 1975 to 1993, Mitchell owned and operated Heritage Farms with business partner and Canadian Equestrian Team veteran, Danny Foster. Together they produced many successful grand prix horses including Forever Diamond, who won individual gold and team silver medals with Foster at the 1991 Pan American Games in Cuba. The next year, another horse owned by Heritage Farms, Zeus, was a member of the Canadian Show Jumping Team at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics with Danny's then wife, Jennifer Foster.

Mitchell's next venture was CornerStone Farms, which she operated until 2004 alongside Taylor, who is currently an FEI Level 3 Jumping Judge. For 25 years, they organized FEI-rated dressage competitions for the local community through their celebrated CornerStone dressage shows, which they continued to run at Caledon Equestrian Park in Palgrave, ON, following the sale of CornerStone. As a testament to their professional capabilities in competition organization, Mitchell and Taylor managed dressage events for the 2015 Pan American Games held in Toronto, ON.

A renowned judge and clinician, Mitchell's held numerous accreditations. She was certified as an EC Senior Judge for hunter, hack and hunt seat equitation, and jumping. Mitchell also held all of her judging cards with the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Mitchell was an EC-certified High Performance 1 Coach for jumping. She coached numerous athletes who went on to have high performance careers including Canadian Olympian Amy Millar, who she trained in her junior years. EC's coaching program greatly benefited from Mitchell's knowledge and expertise over the years, as she was involved with the program's inception and continued to lend her time as an evaluator.

In addition, Mitchell made a concerted effort to share her knowledge with the community at large through every step of her career. She was Past President and a former Director of the Ontario Hunter Jumper Association (OHJA) and a long-time member of its Jumper Committee. She also sat on the EC Board of Directors as well as the Jump Canada Board where she acted as Chair of the Athlete and Domestic Development Committee. Mitchell helped shape the future of Canada's success on the world stage when she formed the Ontario Government Best Ever Program in 1985. Originally developed to encourage aspiring Canadian Show Jumping Team members, the initiative has since morphed into EC's current Under 25 Jumping program.

In recognition of Mitchell's invaluable contributions to the sport, she was honoured in 2018 with the Equestrian Canada (EC) Lifetime Achievement Award. Presented in front of her peers during the Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala, it was a fitting crown to her long career as both a horsewoman and volunteer. The EC Lifetime Achievement Award was a formal recognition of her passion for and dedication to equestrianism which, in turn, hugely improved the quality, accessibility, and professionalism of the sport in Canada.

"Barb was an all-around horsewoman and a tremendous friend and mentor to many," said Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Vice President Mark Samuel, a former student of Mitchell's who worked alongside her during the formation of both the OHJA and Jump Canada. "She understood the animal, the athlete, and the industry, and she gave freely of her expertise throughout her career. We could always count on Barb's practical nature, strong work ethic, collaborative approach, and sense of humour, to help produce positive outcomes. My thoughts are with JT and all those who knew, respected, and loved her."

Mitchell maintained an impeccable reputation while juggling multiple demanding roles over many years. Among her many accolades are the 2010 Jump Canada Volunteer of the Year Award and the 2000 Ontario Equestrian Millennium Award. In 1991, she was named the Volunteer of the Year for Equestrian Sport by the Ontario Provincial Government.

"I know of no one else who, for more than four decades, willingly committed an immeasurable amount of volunteer time to all facets of equestrian sport in Canada," said Craig Collins, a past member of the EC Board of Directors. "Her expertise in coaching, training, judging, as a clinician, successful business operator, high performance horse owner, member of Board of Directors, Chair, and member of dozens of committees, will not be equaled."

Throughout her lifetime, Mitchell created countless opportunities, whether through competition or education, that have strengthened the foundation of equestrian sport in Canada.

A funeral was held in Orangeville, ON, on May 30, 2022. In lieu of flowers, take a friend to lunch and drink a toast to Barbara. To share condolences and memories, click [here](#).



Barbara Mitchell (center) of Mono, ON was honoured with the Equestrian Canada (EC) Lifetime Achievement Award by then EC Director, Craig Collins, and EC Past President, Meg Krueger.



John "JT" Taylor and Barbara Mitchell organized the dressage portion of the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, ON.

# MEET THE NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM ATHLETES

## MARIO DESLAURIERS | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

*By Jennifer Ward*

Mario Deslauriers has a long and storied history in international show jumping competition. From his record-setting win in the 1984 World Cup Final at the age of 19 to being Canada's sole representative at the Tokyo Olympics at the age of 56, Mario has literally "been there, done that."

Having grown up in Bromont, QC, the site of equestrian competition for the 1976 Olympic Games and where his father, Roger, continues to operate the Bromont Equestrian Center, Mario now lives in New York City with his wife, Lisa, and their twins, Jack and Lucy. A love of show jumping runs in the family. Lisa and Lucy have both represented the United States Equestrian Team in Nations' Cup competition and, at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, Mario and Lucy had the distinction of competing as father and daughter, although for different countries.

Almost four decades into his career, Mario continues to be at the top of his game. He is the only rider with two horses – Uris de la Roque and his Tokyo Olympic partner, Bardolina 2 – named to the 2022 National Team Program "A" Squad.

We spoke with Mario to learn more about the Olympic, World Championship, and Pan American Games veteran.

### **At what age did you start riding and what was the name of your first pony?**

That's a long time ago! I was four or five. I had a pony called Lady Grey; she was roan, silver and black. She was my first pony, and she was great.

I was born around the Lake Champlain area, and I was six when my dad started working for the Desourdy family and we moved to Bromont. I was already riding, going on trail rides with my mother, before we moved there.

### **You are currently named to the National Team Program 'A' Squad with two horses, Bardolina 2 and Uris de la Roque. How long have you been partnered with each horse, and what are your goals with each for this season?**

Bardolina you know well. We're now in our seventh season competing at the FEI level. Uris de la Roque is going well. I started him at the top levels in 2019 and will probably do him in the Nations' Cup in Vancouver, but that's still to be determined depending on how my horses are going.

I also have Emerson, an up-and-coming horse that's 10. We bought him at the end of Florida last year, and Old Salem was our first show together, so I've been showing him exactly one year. This winter he mostly jumped clear in Florida and finished up the circuit by doing the 1.50m Final with four faults. He's maybe a little difficult to ride, but he's a talented horse.

I also have Cloud 39 who is coming back and should be ready to show at the Spruce Meadows summer circuit. I have four horses that can do the 1.50m classes and above.

### **What is your favourite competition memory?**

I had the big one early in my career, winning the World Cup Final. That was a real big one. That was the best of the best, for sure.

Winning the American Invitational was another big one. They don't have it anymore, but it was always a big, prestigious class.

The Olympic Games in Los Angeles were great. That was also



*Courtesy of Mario Deslauriers*

Mario, age seven, takes a break on his first jumper, Can-Do.

*Jump Canada Hall of Fame*



With Aramis, Mario won the 1984 World Cup Final and went on to place fourth individually and with the Canadian team a few months later at the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

very early on in my career. (Editor's Note – Mario finished fourth individually riding Aramis after jumping off for the bronze medal while the Canadian team also placed fourth.)

### **Favourite horse show venue to compete at?**

Spruce Meadows is right up there. Walking under the clock tower into the International Ring when it's full of fans is always very exciting. It's our own crowd, they're cheering for the Canadians, which makes it very exciting. There's nothing like showing in the Nations' Cup at the 'Masters.' It's always great and winning anything at Spruce is always good.

### **Which competition is still on your bucket list?**

I would like to go to Aachen. I've never been. My wife and Lucy have both shown there. Lucy was there last year and won the Nations' Cup. I was in Calgary, and I was getting up in the middle of the night to watch Lucy.

Dublin also seems nice; Lucy and Lisa have both shown there but I haven't. Lucy was on the Nations' Cup four years ago and Lisa was, too, many years ago.

If I can finish those two off before I retire, that would be great.

### **Dream vacation?**

Lately, it's been going to ski in Aspen. I really love that. It's always a good, fun family vacation. We also took a great vacation to South Africa for my mother-in-law's 70th birthday. We went to Johannesburg, then went to three different camps for three different weeks. We rode in Land Rovers; it was way safer than riding horses! To see these big elephants – 20 of them circling the Land Rovers – it brings up the heartbeat!

### **Cats or Dogs?**

We have a dog, Noodle. When the kids were young, they always wanted a dog but living in the city, we knew a lot of the burden would fall on us. We held out until COVID hit, then finally got a Mini Golden Doodle called Noodle.

I've had dogs my whole life. Growing up, I had many dogs in Bromont. Loads of dogs.

### **Last show you binge-watched?**

Years ago in Calgary I was watching *Prison Break*. I loved that show!

I love all the Jason Bourne movies, James Bond – all action stuff. These drug lord shows and *Queen of the South* – I love them! I need action!

### **Favourite motto or saying?**

I don't really have something that I say a lot. When Lucy goes in the ring, I tell her to have fun.

### **What three things are always in your fridge?**

We always have eggs, avocado, and Ezekiel bread. That's on my diet. Always a couple of Heinekens, not that I'm a huge beer guy. I have egg whites every morning. It's tough as you get older; you have to watch what you eat.

### **If you could ride any horse in the world, past or present, which one would you pick?**

It would have been Ardeche van de Zelm. It won the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Spruce Meadows (in 2009) beating Authentic, Hickstead, and Presley Boy. How's that for a line-up? It was a horse we got for Lisa as a six-year-old. It was the best horse we ever had. Lisa warmed it up during the week, and I rode it in the Queen's Cup. He was too powerful for his own legs, we were always having soundness problems, but it was a great, great horse.

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

I love to do stuff around the farm. I like to ride and probably do four or five a day, but I love to mow the lawn and make sure everything is tidy. I love playing golf, I am a 10 handicap. I'm not a sitter, I can't sit around. I love to be doing stuff.

Also, I would say that compared to a lot of riders, we have a big family life. My kids just graduated this week. Lucy graduated from Penn, and they just had Jack's graduation from NYU at Yankee Stadium. They gave an honorary doctorate to Taylor Swift in fine arts. The place was packed! I've been showing one day at Old Salem and going to a graduation the next day. I think it's a good balance.



Michelle C. Dunn

Mario (right) with his parents, Huguette and Roger Deslauriers, celebrating Aramis's induction into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame in 2007.



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Mario and his Tokyo Olympic Games mount, Bardolina 2, owned in partnership with Wishing Well Farm LLC.

# TOP FIVE FINISH FOR CANADIAN SHOW JUMPING TEAM IN NATIONS' CUP OF ROME

The Canadian Show Jumping Team finished fifth among 10 countries competing for the €220,000 Nations' Cup held Friday, May 27, during the CSIO5\* Rome, Italy.

Not one to mess with a successful format, chef d'équipe Eric Lamaze sent out the same four horse-rider combinations, in the same order, as he had two weeks earlier in the Nations' Cup of La Baule in France. Yann Candele, Tiffany Foster, Amy Millar, and Beth Underhill – all Canadian Olympians – took on nine other countries in the battle for team honours.

At the half-way stage, the scores were tight with only France having turned in a clear scoresheet. Belgium, the Netherlands, and the United States had four faults apiece while Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, and Spain were sitting on eight faults. Italy was at the bottom of the leaderboard with 12 faults but, as the home nation, was invited back for the second round.

As the lead-off rider for Canada, Candele, 51, of Orangeville, ON, incurred eight faults in both rounds with Farezzo, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Arezzo VDL x Van Gogh) that he began riding less than a month ago. Both scores were dropped from Canada's scoresheet as only the best three rounds count toward the team total.

Foster, 37, of Langley, BC, incurred four faults after slipping in front of the Rolex triple bar set at fence six in the opening round before jumping clear the second time out to buoy Canadian hopes. Her partner was Figor, a 12-year-old bay Dutch Warmblood gelding (Querly-Elvis x Indoctro) that she owns in partnership with Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms LLC.

Having jumped double clear in the Nations' Cup two weeks earlier, not to mention winning the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule, hopes were high for a repeat performance from Underhill, 59, of Mulmer, ON, and Dieu Merci van T&L, a 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse stallion (Toulon x Corrado I) owned by the Rein Family LLC and Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable Inc. The pair came agonizingly close to accomplishing the feat for a second time but finished slightly over the time allowed of 77 seconds in the second round to pick up one fault after stopping the Rolex clock in 77.19 seconds.

Riding once again in the anchor position, Millar, 41, of Perth, ON, picked up four faults in the middle of the triple combination in round one riding her partner of six years, Truman, a 13-year-old Selle Français gelding (Mylord Carthago x Kolibri) owned by Millar Brooke Farm Ltd. and Overlund. The pair returned to jump clear on her second tour of the grass arena at Piazza di Siena, albeit her time of 77.40 seconds cost Canada a time fault.

"It was a step up from La Baule size-wise and with a lot of strong teams, I knew we would really have to deliver today," said Lamaze of the Canadian team's performance. "Yann is doing his best, but I feel for him; it's a lot to compete at this level with a horse you don't know well. Tiffany slipping in front of the Rolex triple bar but keeping it at four faults was impressive. That's a video that I will show to young riders as a lesson not to give up. Her horse is jumping extremely well.

"Beth, what can you say? Just flawless. She made it look easy. I'm not sure it was Amy's best day, I've seen her do better, but it was more than good enough. She knew it was okay to have a time fault so no complaints there," continued Lamaze.

With three riders on the French side jumping double clear, victory went to France. As the defending champions, Belgium put up a fight all the way to the end, finally settling for second place with four faults. The Netherlands and the United States both finished on scores of eight faults with the combined times, 222.45 versus 224.68, putting the Dutch team on the podium in third place.



Yann Candele of Orangeville, ON, and the newly acquired Farezzo.



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



Beth Underhill of Mulmer, ON, riding Dieu Merci van T&L, owned by the Rein Family LLC and Torrey Pines Stable Inc.



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

Canada rounded out the top five with a total of 10 faults followed by Great Britain in sixth position with 12 faults. Germany and Ireland incurred 20 faults while Italy dropped out of the running with a final score of 42 faults. Spain failed to make the cut for the second round, leaving it in 10th position.

“Overall, it’s a fantastic group of riders,” said Lamaze, who was the Olympic champion in 2008 riding Hickstead. “To find ourselves in eighth place with eight faults after the first round isn’t bad, then we came back even stronger in the second round. We were two time faults away from the podium, which shows you how strong we were.

“It’s a great Rolex event with a great Nations’ Cup,” said Lamaze of the Italian fixture, which was hosting its 89th edition. “I don’t think there is a more picturesque horse show in the world. The beauty of the show is just ‘wow.’ As chef d’equipe, I’m very happy with La Baule and Rome. It could not have gone better, and we’ve proven that Canada is back with a vengeance. Everyone is riding well, and they’re prepared. They’ve really proven themselves, and Amy has proven that she can anchor this team. I have great hopes that we’ll be on the podium at the World Championships.”

The €450,000 Rolex Grand Prix concluded world-class show jumping competition at CSIO5\* Rome on Sunday, May 29. For more information and full results, visit <https://www.piazzadisiena.it/en/>.

## CANADIAN TEAM TO COMPETE ON HOME SOIL IN LONGINES NATIONS’ CUP OF CANADA

The Canadian Show Jumping Team will contest the \$400,000 CSIO5\* Longines Nations’ Cup of Canada scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2022, at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC. The following five athletes have been named as Canada’s representatives:

Athlete	Hometown	Horses
Mario Deslauriers	New York, NY	Bardolina 2, Uris de la Roque, and Emerson
Tiffany Foster	Langley, BC	Hamilton, Brighton and Vienna
Ali Ramsay	Victoria, BC	Bonita vh Keizershof Z and Lutz
Jacqueline Steffens	Harriston, ON	Freaky and Cat Ninja
Beth Underhill	Mulmer, ON	Chacco Kid

As usual, Canada’s own Peter Holmes will handle course designing duties. Teams from Australia, Brazil, Great Britain, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, and the United States have been invited to join Canada in competing for the Longines Nations’ Cup beginning at 2 p.m. local time (5 p.m. ET).



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# JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME FLASHBACK

Four new inductees were celebrated at the 11th edition of the Jump Canada Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, held Sunday, November 4, 2018, at the Liberty Grand in Toronto, ON. As always, the black-tie evening evoked wonderful memories from a past era. Having profiled Big Secret, who was inducted into the Hunter Horse category in our last issue, we now look back at the long and storied life of Lucille “Lou” Carpenter. An impressive horsewoman, the various roles her children and grandchildren now play in the sport demonstrate that she inspired a love for horses within her own family.

## **Builder (Individual): Lucille Carpenter**

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Lucille “Lou” Carpenter left a long legacy in equestrian sport. Her contributions span the realm of rider, breeder, and, most importantly, teacher.

From her early beginnings at the age of five when Lou would ride the milkman’s horse to help make deliveries, her love of horses led to a lifetime of involvement. Lou was one of the first female professional riders in Canada and trained off-the-track Thoroughbreds for jumping competition for the Tullis family in Regina in the 1940s. She later founded what is believed to be one of the first purveyors of English riding equipment, The Tack Store, in Western Canada.

When the family moved to Winnipeg, Lou founded Marshall Brook Farm and hired Major Kulesha from Poland to help everyone, herself included, improve their riding skills. Generously sharing her knowledge of all things equine, Lou founded the Assiniboine Pony Club in Manitoba. As District Commissioner, she did everything from hosting shows and clinics to organizing certifications and hiring the examiners. Demonstrating her range in the horse world, she also had harness show ponies.

When her family moved to the Toronto area in the mid-60s, “Mumma Lou” as she was affectionately known, took on the role of District Commissioner for the North York Pony Club, guiding and influencing many people who remain involved in the sport today.

Short listed for Canadian Three Day Event Team for the 1967 Pan American Games, Lou was an all-round competitor who whipped for the Toronto Hunt and once earned a standing ovation from all three judges for her stunning round aboard The Artful Dodger in a Hunter Derby competition held in Palgrave, ON. She was a regular competitor in the Hunt Team competitions held at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in the 1980s.

Lou was also successful as a breeder. One of the horses she bred, French Leave, won the Governor General’s Cup in the 1970s before going on to a successful jumping and equitation career in the U.S. where he won the inaugural USEF Talent Search Finals in 1982. The French Leave Memorial Trophy is now given in the horse’s honour each year to the winner of the USEF Talent Search Finals – East winner. Two other horses that Lou bred from the same mare, Shakespeare and Classic, both excelled in Canadian and U.S. show jumping competition.

The love of horse sport is a legacy Lou has passed down through the generations. Her passion has inspired several of her six children, 14 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren to pursue successful professional careers in the show jumping, polo, and Thoroughbred racing industries.

Her induction into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame as Builder is not based on a single accomplishment, but rather the myriad of ways that Lou contributed to the support and growth of hunter and jumper sport in Canada.



Courtesy of Jump Canada Hall of Fame

Lucille Carpenter was inducted in the category of Builder (Individual).



Michelle C. Dunn

Gayle Macpherson, second from left, presents the Jump Canada Hall of Fame trophy to Lucille Carpenter, surrounded by family members.

# CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS!

**Who:** Stefan Wirth (Germany), Course Director  
**What:** FEI Jumping Course Designer Maintenance Course  
**When:** Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2 and 3, 2022  
**Where:** Midrand, South Africa  
**How:** Open to all FEI Jumping Course Designers  
**Application deadline:** Monday, June 27, 2022  
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants.  
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 to Wednesday, September 5 to 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](#).

**Who:** Frances Hesketh-Jones (Italy), Course Director  
**What:** FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course – All Levels  
**When:** Saturday, October 8, 2022  
**Where:** Bern, Switzerland  
**How:** Open to all FEI Stewards Jumping  
**Application deadline:** Monday, September 5, 2022  
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.  
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

**Who:** Nigel Martyn King (Hong Kong), Course Director  
**What:** FEI Jumping Steward Level 1 Course  
**When:** Friday to Sunday, October 20 to 22, 2022  
**Where:** Hastings, New Zealand  
**How:** Open to all applicants endorsed by their National Federation  
**Application deadline:** Friday, October 7, 2022  
Limited to a maximum of 15 participants on a first come, first served basis.  
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

**Who:** Maria Hernek (Sweden) and Jacques van Daele (Belgium), Course Directors  
**What:** FEI Jumping (and Dressage) Steward Maintenance Course – All Levels  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, 2022  
**Where:** Warendorf, Germany  
**How:** Open to all FEI Stewards Jumping and FEI Stewards Dressage  
**Application deadline:** Monday, October 17, 2022  
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.  
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

**Who:** David Distler (USA), Course Director  
**What:** FEI Jumping Stewards Maintenance Course  
**When:** Sunday, November 30, 2022  
**Where:** Las Vegas, Nevada, USA  
**How:** Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards  
**Application deadline:** Friday, October 7, 2022  
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first come, first served basis.  
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

## CLARIFICATION ON HUNTER DERBIES AND NATIONAL RANKINGS

The EC Jumping Committee and Ad Hoc Jumping Rules Committee have clarified that Hunter Derbies will not count toward the National Rankings.

### Hunter Derbies – National Rankings Clarification

**As Hunter Derbies are currently miscellaneous non-point classes, points accumulated will not count towards National Rankings.**

**Rationale: Hunter Derbies can be offered under the open guidelines described in Article G316. There are no rules or class specifications to provide a qualification standard across Canada.**

The Ad Hoc Jumping Rules Committee is currently working to develop rules and class specifications for Hunter Derbies to be included in the Equestrian Canada rules.

Please note that the Canadian Hunter Derby Series is separate from the above, and any questions pertaining to its championships should be directed to Jeff Brandmaier at [jeff@knightwood.ca](mailto:jeff@knightwood.ca).

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# CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE JOG FOR HUNTER COMPETITORS

For 2022 season, as per Covid protocol at the beginning of the season, and in consideration of equine biosecurity and virus transmission, the jog may be either:

1. Every horse/pony will trot a circle to demonstrate soundness at completion of their round, or;
2. Top 8-10 horses/ponies will jog for soundness at completion of the class.

## ARTICLE G406 JUDGING WORKING HUNTERS

1. Working hunters are judged on their jumping style, manners, and way of going. Conformation will not be considered.
2. Horses must be serviceably sound in eye, wind, and limb. Horses are required to jog for soundness in all except miscellaneous hunter classes.
3. Horses are judged from the time they enter the ring until the time they leave.

## COACHING AND AMATEUR STATUS

Individuals with questions regarding coaching and their amateur status will need to verify and cross-reference a few resources to determine their eligibility regarding Amateur Status. Equestrian Canada (EC) cannot determine eligibility on your behalf.

Please review the following resources.

1. Coaching Program Operations Guide – a reference from this manual is included below. \*\*Please note, the manual is not currently available as it is undergoing a review and updates. The content is subject to change.
2. Section A: General Regulations [www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/rules](http://www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/rules)
3. Section E-L: Please select your discipline [www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/rules](http://www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/rules)

Section **1.11.1 Coaches and Amateur Status** of the Coaching Program Operations Guide\_V2020 states the following:

As per the EC Rules, the definition of an amateur is an adult EC Sport License Holder who is eligible to compete in amateur classes at EC sanctioned competitions. **Registered and Licensed Coaches who also compete as an athlete are subject to the same criteria.**

Amateur status rules can vary by discipline/breed sport. However, in most cases, in order to maintain EC amateur status, amateurs must not accept remuneration for:

*Coaching any person to ride or drive a horse, including riding or driving clinics and seminars. Exception: an EC amateur may hold an EC Instructor Certificate and teach within the context of the certificate.*

For the purposes of the EC Amateur Rules, remuneration is defined as any payment, either in cash or in kind, with the exception of gifts of token value.

A Coach Status may be held by EC/NCCP certified Instructors who also hold Amateur status, provided they abide by the above restriction of not coaching in competition.

Any Licensed Coach who is certified in any context and coaches at EC sanctioned competition is not considered eligible for Amateur Status as an athlete.

For the full EC amateur definitions and rules, see **EC Rules, Section A: General Regulations, Articles A902-A903** and specific discipline/breed sport rules as Amateur eligibility criteria can vary by discipline.

# SUCCESS STORIES

Courtesy of Royal  
Manitoba Winter Fair



## RILEY RORISON

The first CET Medal class of the 2022 Canadian show season was won by Riley Rorison. Held during the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair in Brandon, MB, from March 27 to April 2, 2022, the CET Medal attracted four entries. It was Rorison of Calgary, AB, who the judge placed first for her performance riding Ollivander, her 12-year-old grey gelding sired by Carambole. Julie-Ann Jans of Medicine Hat, AB, finished runner-up riding JES Cheers, her six-year-old grey gelding sired by Carthago Sun II.

Courtesy of Thunderbird  
Show Park



## COLBY WINTHER KONIG

Colby Winther Konig emerged victorious in the CET Medal class when Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC, held its April Season Opener tournament from April 20 to 24, 2022. The junior rider from Prince George, BC, topped eight other entries to win the CET Medal riding Big Ticket, a 10-year-old bay gelding sired by Cupido K and owned by Sorine Winther. Georgia Fyfe of Coombs, BC, was second riding One Direction, an eight-year-old dark bay gelding, for owner Gina Kararrigas.

Courtesy of Thunderbird  
Show Park



## LILY VAN ELLIOT

A familiar name was at the top of the leaderboard when the results for the JC Medal were announced at the April Season Opener at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC. Lily Van Elliot topped a seven-horse field to take the win riding Yvonne van Duin's Carvill VA, a 12-year-old bay gelding sired by Casall. Second place went to Madison Sadek of Delta, BC, riding Exact P, her 13-year-old bay gelding.

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## ALYSSA SCHILLER

The first CET Medal win in the Ontario Region went to Alyssa Schiller of Waterloo, ON. The Caledon National Phase I, held from May 11 to 15, 2022, at Caledon Equestrian Park in Caledon, ON, hosted the CET Medal class which attracted a total of nine entries. Schiller emerged victorious riding Denvrsemilly, an eight-year-old grey gelding owned by Jenessa Neill. Second place went to Isabella Erlick of Burlington, ON, riding Kilroy, a seven-year-old grey gelding sired by Kannan and owned by Isabella Erlick Holdings.



## CAELAN GIPSON

Toronto's Caelan Gipson had the distinction of being the first JC Medal winner in the Ontario Region for 2022. At the Caledon National Phase I competition, Gipson topped a starting field of nine entries to win the JC Medal on Sunday, May 15, riding One Look, his nine-year-old bay gelding sired by Numero Uno. Catherine Brown of Ottawa, ON, took second riding Cohiba, her 18-year-old bay gelding.



## AMY MILLAR

Canadian Olympian Amy Millar of Perth, ON, made a trip home between European Nations' Cup appearances worthwhile by winning both feature jumper classes at the Caledon National Phase I held from May 11 to 15, 2022, at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Caledon, ON. In between competing in the Nations' Cups of La Baule, France, and Rome, Italy, with Truman, Millar flew back to Canada where she had two horses, Heros and Jagger HX, waiting to show.

She opened the week by winning the \$10,000 Open Welcome on Thursday with her 2016 Rio Olympic partner, Heros, a 15-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Canadian River x Clinton) owned by AMMO Investments. On Saturday, Millar made it two-for-two by topping the \$25,000 1.40m Greenhawk Grand Prix with the newly acquired Jagger HX (pictured), owned by Team Eye Candy and Millar Brooke Farm. Millar and the eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Ustinov x Bustique) took the win over Susan Horn of Bolton, ON, riding Dominka van de Lucashoeve, who had also finished runner-up in the \$10,000 Open Welcome.



## SHANON CHURIKOV

Shanon Churikov of King City, ON, topped the seven-horse starting field to win the CET Medal held on Saturday, May 21, during the Caledon National Phase II tournament at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Caledon, ON. Riding Vesta, her nine-year-old dark bay mare by Viscount, Churikov emerged victorious over Kyleigh Whitwell of Oshawa, ON, who took second place with Quenton, her six-year-old bay gelding by Quentino.



## MARISSA BALCARRAS

Marissa Balcarras of Waterloo, ON, won the Jump Canada Medal class during the Caledon National Phase II competition. Held on Sunday, May 22, at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Caledon, ON, a total of eight horse-rider combinations contested the Jump Canada Medal. Balcarras took the win riding Astil L, a nine-year-old liver chestnut gelding owned by Rachel Schnurr. Second place went to Isabella Erlick of Burlington, ON, riding Kilroy, a seven-year-old grey gelding sired by Kannan and owned by Isabella Erlick Holdings.



Courtesy of Blue Sky Classic

## TRISTA SILLERS

The Alberta show season officially got underway when the Blue Sky Classic hosted competitors from May 20 to 23, 2022, in Edmonton, AB. Junior competitor Trista Sillers of Sherwood Park, AB, claimed victory in the CET Medal class, sponsored by Greenhawk Edmonton, riding Scribble, her 15-year-old bay gelding. Sonya Sward of Calgary, AB, took second place with her own Arctic Bay, also a 15-year-old bay gelding.



Courtesy of Windsor Horse Show

## BRIANNA PARTRIDGE

Equestrian Canada-sanctioned competition opened in Nova Scotia at the Windsor Spring Horse Show held from May 19 to 22, 2022. Brianna Partridge, who competes as a junior, of Newport, NS, won the CET Medal class riding Lexus OBF, an 11-year-old dark bay gelding sired by Iceburg and owned by Erin Cecchetto. Pictured presenting Brianna as the winner are Norma White and Jill Barker.



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## RAYNE DUBOIS

Ottawa's own Rayne Dubois, 21, scored a hometown win in the \$15,000 Grand Prix held Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Wesley Clover Parks in Ottawa, ON, during the Ottawa Welcome show jumping tournament. Competition was at its finest with a trio of young female riders successfully navigating the first-round track set by Canadian course designer, Pierre Burch, to qualify for the jump-off. Julia Wiggins, 19, of Kanata, ON, was the pathfinder over the short course riding Lynnford AS, a 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding sired by Larimar 7 and owned by Julia Wiggins Equestrian. When a rail fell at the final fence for four faults, the door was open for the next two challengers. Anna Bremermann, 22, of Oakville, ON, was next in the order riding Frascati, a 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Otangelo x No Limit) owned by Eric Bremermann. A rail down mid-way on course meant four faults, and Bremermann's time of 39.29 seconds wasn't fast enough to knock Wiggins, who had stopped the clock in 36.70 seconds, out of top spot. As the final challenger, Dubois knew a clear round would secure the win with Dublin, a 13-year-old Belgian Sport Horse gelding sired by Ugano Sitte and owned by Millar Brooke Farm. However, when the first fence came down, Dubois stepped on the gas pedal, leaving the remainder of the jumps in place before crossing through the timers in 36.57 seconds to narrowly edge out Wiggins for the win.

# LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS



## TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of April 30, 2022*

32.	Erynn Ballard	1960	382.	Sean Jobin	480
40.	Tiffany Foster	1870	386.	Eric Lamaze	470
86.	Mario Deslauriers	1483	403.	Nicole Walker	456
117.	Amy Millar	1215	423.	Hyde Moffatt	432
155.	Vanessa Mannix	1050	424.	Tim Wilks	430
231.	Sam Walker	805	508.	Brian Morton	353
259.	Jacqueline Steffens	730	529.	Jim Ifko	340
302.	Ben Asselin	640	550.	Alicia Gadban-Lewis	325
334.	Ali Ramsay	558	608.	Mac Cone	275
355.	Lisa Carlsen	515	617.	Darrin Dlin	265

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