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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



There was a lot of excitement surrounding the return of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and what a return it was! Anticipation was high with the beloved Royal finally making its return after a forced two-year hiatus. Coupled with celebrating its 100th anniversary, The Royal put a smile on everyone's face and the crowds came out in droves to enjoy the sights, sounds, and spectacles that come with the world's largest indoor agricultural fair.

We were treated to exciting competition across the board in the hunter, jumper, and equitation divisions. From ponies to international show jumping, the best of the best was showcased. Ali Ramsay of Victoria, BC, was flawless over two nights to earn her first Canadian Show Jumping Championship title while another BC native, Lily Elliot, won the JC National Medal Final. Hailing from closer to home, Carly Campbell Cooper, who has been a regular competitor in all three disciplines at The Royal over the years, scored her first Canadian Hunter Derby Championship title while Lauren Esdale displayed her talent with a win in the Under 25 national finals.

The international show jumping division attracted a competitive field with five of

the top 20 athletes in the Longines World Rankings making their way to Toronto. Olympic champion Ben Maher of Great Britain was in attendance while two other Olympic gold medalists, Laura Kraut and McLain Ward, both of the U.S., make The Royal a regular stop on their competition calendars. Canadians held their own amongst a stiff field with Tiffany Foster advancing to the three-horse jump-off for the \$250,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto – the only World Cup qualifying event to be held on Canadian soil – while Ramsay narrowly missed out by one time fault to finish fourth. Canadian course designer Michel Vaillancourt set the show jumping tracks to rave reviews over 10 days of competition while Meghan Rawlins, the first Canadian female course designer to handle course design duties for The Royal's hunter and equitation divisions, was back for the 100th anniversary edition.

One of the best parts of The Royal is having the opportunity to experience other horse sports. Whether it's the thrilling indoor eventing, the high-stepping hackneys, or the splendor of the Green Meadows coaching classes that transport the audience back to another era, there is so much to experience. Seeing a total of 10 six-horse hitches (that's 60 heavy horses!) gathered in the Coca-Cola Coliseum on closing night is truly a sight to behold. Add that to daily performances of the RCMP Musical Ride and The Royal has a winning formula that simply cannot be matched.

The amount of planning, not to mention problem-solving, that goes into producing such an event is a momentous undertaking. We salute the organizing committee on a fantastic production, congratulate The Royal on its centennial anniversary, and look forward to many, many years to come!

Jennifer Ward
Editor
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CSI5*-W ROYAL HORSE SHOW PHOTO GALLERY

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Taylor Brooks rode Spectre, a nine-year-old Zangersheide gelding owned by Taylor Bond, to victory in the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby.



Sam Walker on a course walk with 1996 Olympic individual and team gold medalist Uli Kirchhoff of Germany.



Shannon Walter piloted Chantilly Lace, her 12-year-old Canadian Sport Horse mare sired by Cabardino, to the Pommies Cider Co. Junior/Amateur 3'3" Hunter championship title.



Kristjan Good guided Carano, owned by Alexandra Maletta, to victory in the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby.



Mario Deslauriers thrilled the Canadian crowd with a third-place finish in the \$138,000 Big Ben Challenge riding Bardolina 2.



Tiffany Foster at the \$250,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Toronto press conference.



Three Canadian Olympians! Amy Millar, course designer Michel Vaillancourt, and Tiffany Foster.



John "JT" Taylor, President of the Ground Jury.

CSI5*-W ROYAL HORSE SHOW PHOTO GALLERY

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The RCMP performed its iconic Musical Ride daily throughout the Royal Horse Show.



Jade Lalonde and Kapital Creation Z were double clear in the \$12,500 U25 National Championships – Phase 2.



Tiffany Foster riding on John P. White's winning coach in the Pemberton Green Meadows Four in Hand Appointments Class.



Kieley McQuaker and Bam Bam de Muze dominated the 1.30m Junior/Amateur division.



Sam Walker and Angelika Hero Z jumped clear in the \$74,000 Centennial Cup.



Amy Millar and Patrick Overlund O'Brien, owner of Truman.



Newly crowned Canadian Show Jumping Champions Ali Ramsay and Bonita vh Keizershof Z.



Mark Rein shares the fun with Cornet's Cambridge, ridden by Nick Dello Joio.



Ben Radvanyi Photography

Ali Ramsay claimed the \$125,000 Henry Equestrian Canadian Show Jumping Championship riding Bonita vH Keizershof Z on opening weekend.

ALI RAMSAY CLAIMS CANADIAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Ali Ramsay of Victoria, BC, claimed her first Canadian Show Jumping Championship title on Saturday night, November 5, in front of a packed house at the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 100th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON.

The \$125,000 Henry Equestrian Canadian Show Jumping Championship was held over two phases on Friday and Saturday nights. Having competed for \$25,000 in prize money during the opening speed round on Friday, riders returned to the Coca-Cola Coliseum in reverse order of standing to tackle the \$100,000 two-round finale. Ramsay won Friday's opening speed round, earning the advantage of being the final competitor to contest Saturday's course. She demonstrated the same composure that put her into the lead, delivering another clear performance with Bonita vH Keizershof Z.

"I thought the course rode pretty straightforward in the sense that there weren't really questions on the striding in the lines," explained Ramsay of the track designed by Canadian Olympic individual silver medalist Michel Vaillancourt. "Watching everyone else maybe just reassured me of my plan."

Carrying their scores forward, the top six riders from round one advanced to an all-deciding second round. Ramsay was once again



Ben Radvanyi Photography

Ali Ramsay, pictured aboard Bonita vH Keizershof Z, is presented as the 2022 Canadian Show Jumping Champion by Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Manager of Sport – Jumping for Equestrian Canada.

the last to return, knowing she could have two rails down and still claim victory. She used up one of those fences before crossing the timers to thunderous applause.

“She felt even better tonight, if that’s possible,” said Ramsay of the 11-year-old Zangersheide mare (Bustique x For Pleasure) owned by Ramsay Equestrian Inc. “The whole game of this championship is consistency, and she was really good. She felt amazing.”

Tiffany Foster, of Langley, BC, riding Northern Light, an 11-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Plot Blue x Contender) owned by Artisan Farms LLC, was carrying 4.12 faults at the start of the evening. She put the pressure on with a clear round in the first phase, but a dropped rail in the second phase brought her overall total to 8.12, forcing her to settle for the reserve championship title.

Susan Horn, of Bolton, ON, came into Saturday’s competition sitting on one fault behind Ramsay. She had two rails down with Kirlo van den Bosrand, a 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Cardento 933 x Utrillo Z) owned by Kingsfield Farm, in Saturday’s first round to bring her total to nine faults. Despite the setback, Horn rallied for a clear in the all-deciding second round to finish in third place.

In the end, it was Ramsay who grabbed the lead and never let go to claim her first Canadian Show Jumping Championship title.

“I was just thinking about how 10 years ago I won the CET Medal Final and that was the last time I actually won a class at The Royal,” reflected Ramsay, 31. “I’ve jumped here probably six times in the last 10 years and had good placings but never won, so 10 years later, here we are.”

While Foster, Mario Deslauriers, Amy Millar, and Sam Walker were pre-qualified for the Royal Horse Show’s CSI5*-W international division based on their standings in the Longines World Rider Rankings, Ramsay and Horn earned their places through their top finishes in the Canadian Show Jumping Championships.



Tiffany Foster was named the Reserve Canadian Champion riding Northern Light for Artisan Farms LLC.

\$125,000 Henry Equestrian Canadian Show Jumping Championship – Final Standings

Rider	Hometown	Horse
1. Ali Ramsay	Victoria, BC	Bonita vh Keizershof Z
2. Tiffany Foster	Langley, BC	Northern Light
3. Susan Horn	Bolton, ON	Kirlo van den Bosrand
4. Jonathon Millar	Perth, ON	Isotropic Shadow
5. Amy Millar	Perth, ON	Christiano
6. Hugh Graham	Schomberg, ON	Florino
7. Lauren Esdale	Seagrave, ON	Viamdios d'Avril
8. Sam Walker	Nobleton, ON	Eothymm de Kergane
9. Carly Campbell-Cooper	Omeme, ON	Da Vinci KDW Z
10. David Samuel Pegg	Cannington, ON	Big Girl Z

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.



Carly Campbell-Cooper of Omemee, ON, and Capriati captured the Canadian Hunter Derby Championship title at the Royal Horse Show.

CARLY CAMPBELL-COOPER CLAIMS CANADIAN HUNTER DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

Carly Campbell-Cooper of Omemee, ON, was presented with the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy as the overall 2022 Canadian Hunter Derby Champion on Tuesday evening, November 8, during the Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 100th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON.

Carly Campbell-Cooper and Capriati, owned by Alexia Trapp, earned the Canadian Hunter Derby Championship after finishing second in both the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby on Sunday, November 6, and the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby on Tuesday, November 8.

In the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby, Campbell-Cooper and Capriati were the penultimate combination out of a starting field of 20 competitors to take on the impressive derby track designed by Canada's Meghan Rawlins. Campbell-Cooper received a base score of 79.75 with eight handy points and 10 high option points for an overall score of 97.75 from the judges.

"I thought tonight's course was hard," said Campbell-Cooper, 40, who has been competing at The Royal since she was 12 years old. "I loved the gallop to the last jump. That's one of my favourite things to do. The derby on Sunday was nice and welcoming; it flowed nicely and let the horses get in the ring for a softer first day. Tonight certainly felt like a step up. There were a lot of tests and there were a lot of places you could show your handiness or be a little more conservative depending on the level you and your horse were at."

Campbell-Cooper has been partnered with Capriati, a 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Carembar de Muze x Continue), for the past two years. Together the pair have checked off many "firsts," including earning the Canadian Hunter Derby Championship title.

"Tonight is my first time being derby champion at The Royal," said Campbell-Cooper, who has competed in the hunter, jumper, and equitation divisions over the years. "We've been here a lot, but it's such a special atmosphere and such a special venue, so I still get the



Carly Campbell-Cooper, pictured aboard Capriati, was presented with the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy as the Canadian Hunter Derby Champions by Jeff Brandmaier and Margaret "Muffie" Guthrie.

butterflies every year I come. It's a special feeling to win.

"The Guthrie family has been such a great sponsor of horse sport for so many years," continued Campbell-Cooper. "I'm really excited that Muffie Guthrie and Jeff Brandmaier are involved in the derby series. It's really important for Canada to keep having these classes and showcasing the hunters."

The overall 2022 Canadian Hunter Derby Reserve Champion was Taylor Brooks, of Ashton, ON, and Spectre, a nine-year-old Zangersheide gelding owned by Taylor Bond. The pair earned fourth place in the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby on Sunday before winning the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby on Tuesday. Brooks and her mount earned a high base score of 87 with eight additional handy points and 10 high option bonus points for an impressive total score of 105.



Ben Radvanyi Photography

Taylor Brooks of Ashton, ON, and Spectre won the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby to claim the Canadian Hunter Derby Reserve Championship title.



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Lauren Esdale and Viandios d'Avril celebrate their U25 National Championship title with a victory lap in the Coca-Cola Coliseum.

LAUREN ESDALE CLAIMS UNDER 25 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

On the final day of the Royal Horse Show, 21-year-old Lauren Esdale of Seagrave, ON, was crowned the \$12,500 'Alfred Rogers' Under 25 National Champion.

The competition consisted of three phases held over two days and, after exceptional performances throughout, Esdale and Viandios d'Avril, a 13-year-old grey Selle Francais gelding (Diamant de Semilly x Fol Avril) owned by Pauline Esdale, were named Canada's U25 champions for 2022.

A total of 12 athletes under the age of 25 qualified from across Canada and the United States to compete for top honours in the U25 national final. Carrying their scores forward from Thursday's opening speed phase, faults were added from Saturday's two-round jumping phase to determine the overall winner.

In Thursday's opening phase, Esdale took the win with a quick and clear round in 60.40 seconds over Canadian course designer Michel Vaillancourt's 14 jumping efforts. For Phase 2, riders entered the ring in reverse order of merit to contest the challenging 1.45m course in a time allowed of 66 seconds.

The first round proved challenging with only five pairs jumping clean to qualify for the jump-off. Esdale was joined in the jump-off by Rayne Dubois, Ellah Dubeau-Kielty, Jade Lalonde, and Julia Wiggins.

Lalonde came back first riding Kapital Creation Z and jumped clear in 44.28 seconds before Dubois, 22, posted another clean round in a time of 38.49 seconds riding Dublin, a 13-year-old bay Belgian Sport Horse gelding (Ugano Sitte x Acorado I) owned by Millar Brooke Farm. Dubeau-Kielty incurred one rail for four faults followed by Wiggins with two rails in a time of 44.19. Esdale also dropped a rail at the second jump to incur four penalty points in a time of 40.99 seconds.

With a win in the speed phase and a third-place finish on Saturday, Esdale was crowned the 2022 Under 25 National Champion, presented in memory of Alfred Rogers. Helped by Saturday's win after placing ninth in the opening speed phase, Dubois of Ottawa, ON, earned enough points to be named the Under 25 Reserve Champion for 2022.

"I don't think words can describe how much this show means to me," said Esdale of winning at The Royal. "I grew up watching this horse show and kind of dreaming about it, even before I ever started riding. Winning a championship, especially like the U25 my first year doing the big classes, is just a dream come true."

Esdale has been paired with Viamdios d'Avril, better known by the nickname 'Ted,' since January of 2021.

"Ever since I got him, he has been a complete gamechanger for me," said Esdale. "He's given me all the confidence and he's taught me so much in such a short period of time. I couldn't be happier."

Esdale trains with the Ballard family at Looking Back Farm in Tottenham, ON.

"Dave was here with me today and he's really been helping me so much the past year," said Esdale. "And Erynn, she's the best. She's probably the best virtual coach there is. You would swear she's here with you. Before I even get off, I look at my phone, and I already have a whole list of things to work on, things to improve on, and things I did well. It's pretty incredible."



Lauren Esdale, pictured aboard Viamdios d'Avril, received an Antares Sellier saddle and a cooler, presented by the Equestrian Canada (EC) Jumping Committee, in recognition of their U25 National Championship title. Plates for the class winners and prize money were generously donated by the Uplands Charitable Foundation in memory of the late Alfred Rogers.



Ottawa's Rayne Dubois and Dublin, owned by Millar Brooke Farm, earned the U25 Reserve National Championship title.

CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS!

Who: Louis Konickx (the Netherlands)

What: FEI Jumping Course Designers Maintenance Course

When: Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17, 2023

Where: Lisbon, Portugal

How: Open to all FEI Jumping Course Designers

Application deadline: Monday, December 12, 2022

For full information and to register, click [here](#).

Who: Maria Hernek (Sweden)

What: FEI Jumping Stewards Maintenance Course

When: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Where: Dublin, Ireland

How: Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Application deadline: Monday, February 20, 2023

For full information and to register, click [here](#).

ESME CHAPMAN IS CHAMPION IN CET MEDAL NATIONAL FINAL

Following two days and three rounds of tough competition, Esme Chapman, 17, of Mono, ON, captured the Running Fox CET Medal National Final title on Thursday, November 10, at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON.

Riding Melbourne Z, a 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding (Eurocommerce Memphis x Leubus) owned by M.L. Equestrian Inc., Chapman topped a starting field of 16 up-and-coming athletes who qualified for the CET Medal Final from four regions across Canada (Atlantic, Ontario, Prairies, and British Columbia).

Following Wednesday's opening round of competition, a gymnastics phase, 19-year-old Anya Bereznicki of Calgary, AB, was sitting on top of the standings aboard Bugatti, a seven-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Jennifer Tims. Sloane Betker was in second, Chapman was third, and Olivia Stephenson rounded out the top four.

On Thursday afternoon, riders returned in reverse order of standing to contest a competitive jumping phase before going head-to-head in the jump off. Chapman knew her position wasn't guaranteed, but she was happy when the results were called.

"I am still speechless," Chapman explained. "Standing in line, waiting to be called, is so nerve wracking. I had no idea what the order of pinning was going to be like because it was such a competitive class, and everyone had such a great jump-off. I was in complete shock when they called my name. I'm overjoyed."

The format of the CET Medal Final was changed in 2021 to better exemplify what riders will face in the future in the show jumping ring. Chapman was grateful to be paired with Melbourne Z, known as 'Melon' in the barn. Not only is the horse a seasoned Royal competitor but also a steadfast partner throughout the season to qualify Chapman for the national final. Chapman even watched videos of others who have ridden him in the Coca-Cola Coliseum in the past to better understand how he would be in the ring.

"'Melon' has been the best partner this entire year and I wouldn't have been able to do this without him," said Chapman. "Today, he felt really good; he seemed calm, he seemed ready. I think he wanted to win maybe more than I did!"

In addition to her horse, Chapman was quick to thank her coaches, Sandi Ballard and Courtney Bacso of Looking Back Farm for their support throughout the year.

"They've been amazing and so supportive this entire past year," said Chapman, who began training at Looking Back Farm in Tottenham, ON, this year. "I think the best part about them is that they make sure that I'm having a good time and that my confidence is always up. They know that if you have low self-esteem and low confidence, then you're not going to be able to go in the ring and ride your best. They make sure that I'm feeling on my A-game."

"I can't believe that this has happened and I'm so grateful for everyone that's been here with me through it all," continued Chapman. "I still can't believe it's real."

Rounding out the Running Fox CET Medal top four were Bereznicki riding Bugatti in second; Betker of Kelowna, BC, and Crack in third; and Stephenson of Calgary, AB, and Clearwater S in fourth.



Esme Chapman and Melbourne Z.



Esme Chapman of Mono, ON, riding Melbourne Z was crowned the 2022 Running Fox CET Medal National Champion at the Royal Horse Show. Presenting, from left to right, are Fran McAvity, Sam Walker, Pamela Law, Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jennifer O'Neill, and trainer Courtney Bacso of Looking Back Farm.



Lily Elliot of Richmond, BC, piloted Carvill VA, owned by Yvonne Van Duin, to victory in the JC Medal National Final.

LILY ELLIOT VICTORIOUS IN JC MEDAL NATIONAL FINAL

Lily Elliot of Richmond, BC, won the JC Medal National Final on Tuesday, November 8, at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON. Facing off against a starting field of 16 horse-rider combinations, Elliot, 17, emerged victorious following three phases of competition.

Riders from across the country qualified for The Royal by competing in the four JC Medal Regional Finals held in the British Columbia, Prairie, Ontario, and Atlantic regions.

Elliot and her partner Carvill VA, a 13-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Casall x Carolus I) owned by Yvonne Van Duin, finished in second place during the opening jumping phase with a score of 83 points to secure their place among the top eight invited back to contest the flat phase. The flat phase allowed Elliot to showcase her equitation skills and moved her to the top of the standings. The top four, including Elliot, then proceeded to the final test.

In the final, Elliot and her fellow competitors were asked to canter three fences, halt, take three steps backwards, trot a final fence, perform two simple changes in front of the judges, and proceed back to the line-up in sitting trot. Elliot and Carvill VA excelled in the final test to win the coveted JC Medal jacket, courtesy of the Equestrian Canada Jumping Committee, as well as the JC Medal Final trophy, presented by the Usherwood family.

Finishing as the Reserve Champion was Esme Chapman, 17, of Mono, ON, riding Melbourne Z, a 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding (Eurocommerce Memphis x Leubus) owned by M.L. Equestrian Inc. Catherine Brown of Ottawa, ON, rode her horse, the bay gelding Cohiba, to a third-place finish while Aevery-May Pritchard of Collingwood, ON, rounded out the top four riding her seven-year-old chestnut Hanoverian gelding, Nykaenen.



Lily Elliot, pictured mounted on Carvill VA, is presented as the winner of the 2022 JC Medal National Final by Karen Hendry-Ouellette (left) of Equestrian Canada and representatives of the Usherwood family.

INGMAR DE VOS RE-ELECTED FOR THIRD AND FINAL TERM AS FEI PRESIDENT

Ingmar De Vos of Belgium was re-elected with an overwhelming majority by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) member National Federations to serve a third and final term as FEI President. The Presidential election was held on November 13, 2022, during the FEI Hybrid General Assembly in Cape Town (RSA) and virtually, allowing National Federations unable to attend in person to vote online in real time. Standing unopposed, the 59-year-old received widespread support for his last four-year term, which will run until 2026.

“I am deeply honoured to have your trust and confidence to lead the FEI for one more term,” Ingmar De Vos said in his address. “Over the past eight years, I have had the privilege to witness the power of unity at work in our community, and it is this solidarity that brought us through some incredibly challenging times. We have moved forward together because we all put aside our differences for the wider benefit of our sport and community. We have come out stronger than ever as a result and I know that this foundation will serve us well for the future.”



Ingmar De Vos addresses the 2022 FEI General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa.

“And the future is very much on my mind as I now embark on my final term in office,” continued De Vos. “I am determined to leave a strong legacy that my successor and the community can continue to build on in the years to come.”

De Vos, who was first elected to the position in 2014 in Baku (AZE), is the 13th FEI President since the International Federation was founded in 1921. Widely sought after for his sports administration experience, De Vos is an International Olympic Committee (IOC) member, as well as a member of three IOC Commissions (Legal Affairs, Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Commission, and Los Angeles 2028 Coordination Commission); member of the Council of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF); and member of the Executive Committee and Foundation Board of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

“Sustainability and the modernisation of equestrian sport with welfare at its heart are my key objectives for the next four years,” De Vos said. “If we are to remain relevant as a sport, then we need to have an organisation that is well equipped to adapt to the challenges that come our way. Open and honest dialogue has been the reason we have been able to shape the future of equestrian together since 1921. I look forward to more of the same over the next four years.”

AIR CANADA CARGO LAUNCHES EQUINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Air Canada Cargo will now offer horse transportation service in North America, Europe, and Latin America from its Toronto hub utilizing its Boeing 767-300 freighters. Air Canada Cargo will use stalls that are specifically designed to transport horses, with up to three animals per unit. Equine attendants will be accommodated on the same flight in special upper deck passenger seating and have access to the horses throughout the flight.

“This new highly specialized service is another sign of our continued investment in our facilities and international network to better serve our customers,” said Matthieu Casey, Managing Director, Commercial, for Air Canada Cargo. “Air Canada Cargo takes great pride in the safe and humane transport of animals, and our new equine product we offer to our customers, from the facilities and stalls that provide the highest standard of safety and care for these magnificent animals to our ability to accommodate attendants onboard, is state of the art from end to end.”

To learn more about Air Canada Cargo’s new service, [click here](#).

JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME FLASHBACK

At the last edition held in 2019, the Jump Canada Hall of Fame welcomed three new inductees during its 12th annual Induction Ceremony and Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, at the Liberty Grand in Toronto, ON.

As it always had in the past, the Hall of Fame Gala once again saw a sold-out crowd gather to celebrate champions in hunter and jumper sport. Greg Greenough was inducted in the category of Builder – Individual; the 2008 Olympic silver medal team of Mac Cone, Jill Henselwood, Eric Lamaze, and Ian Millar were inducted in the Team category; and Wayne McLellan became a member of the Hall of Fame in the Rider category.

Having looked at the accomplishments of Greg Greenough in the September issue and revisited the excitement of the Canadian team's silver medal performance at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, we now turn to the accomplishments of renowned hunter competitor, Wayne McLellan.

Rider: Wayne McLellan

Every generation has that one rider who is seemingly impossible to beat in the show ring. In Canadian hunter circles, that individual is Wayne McLellan.

Hailing from Palmerston, ON, and the eldest of five children, Wayne developed an interest in horses after attending Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Intent on learning to ride, he purchased his first pony for \$50, soon followed by a package of six lessons. From that point forward, he was self-taught and developed a natural feel and good instincts that served him well in the show ring.

When Wayne was 13, while his family was living in Caledon, ON, he met Edna Arrow. He soon became a fixture at her farm, doing chores and looking after the place while she travelled to judge. She owned several young horses and Wayne soon took on the task of starting them. When Wayne excelled in this role, Edna introduced him to the Cottrell family who offered him his first job. It was there that Wayne developed his keen appreciation for quality horses, proper horse care, and impeccable turnout.

At the age of 18, Wayne bought his first car and continued his self-education by driving to Tampa, FL, to watch the best of the best compete. Wayne attributes his success to sitting ringside, studying the top hunter riders of the day, and emulating their winning style.

In his early 20s, Wayne partnered with Robert Mielsoe to form Gimcrack Stables, an iconic hunter operation that turned out winner after winner for almost 25 years. In 2001, Wayne opened his WGM Stables where he continues to ride, train, and develop top horses and riders. All who come through his door remark on the impressive horsemanship and incredible attention to detail in Wayne's program as well as his devotion to treating each horse as an individual.

During a career that has spanned more than four decades, Wayne has produced numerous champions in both the professional and amateur hunter divisions at home in Canada as well as south of the border in the United States. Some of the most notable horses he has produced include Mr. Mort, Summer Solstice, Fielding, The Right Stuff, Here's Jonny, Wiseguy, Forever Scarlet, By Design, Hailey, Pure Abundance, Hazelton, South Hill, Davenport, Starwood, and Lytton Park.

Wayne continues to be extremely active in the sport, sourcing new prospects, developing young horses, and coaching riders. Passionate about the sport, Wayne is generous in sharing his knowledge with young professionals. He is also quick to thank the many owners who have believed in his abilities and trusted him with their horses over the years.



Jump Canada Hall of Fame

Wayne McLellan was inducted in the Rider category at the 2019 Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala.



Michelle C. Dunn

Wayne McLellan (left) was presented with his Jump Canada Hall of Fame trophy by Craig Collins.

REIN FAMILY NAMED 'OWNER OF THE YEAR' FOR 2022

For the second consecutive year, Mark Rein and Tara Dow-Rein have been named the 2022 "Owner of the Year" by Equestrian Canada's (EC) 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 currently residing in Raleigh, NC, have been long-time supporters of Canadian show jumping sport. They first became involved as owners of high-performance show jumping horses when they invested in Zucarlos, the grey stallion ridden by Jay Hayes 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 six years, the Rein family have supported Canadian Show Jumping Team veteran, Harold Chopping, who served as the alternate for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. They currently own several grand prix mounts for Chopping including Fast Forward, Gerderieka II VI, and Quadrant 3.

After partnering with Canadian Olympic champion and his Torrey Pines Stable three years ago, the Rein family has furthered its involvement at the international level. Owning 10 to 12 horses at any given time, the Rein family maintains a top string for Canadian Olympian Beth Underhill who rides for Torrey Pines including Nikka van den Bisschop, Mademoiselle-A, Dieu Merci van T&L, and Casino Calvin.

In May of 2022, Underhill made her mark on the world stage by guiding Dieu Merci to a double-clear round in the CSIO5* Nations' Cup of La Baule, FRA, leading Canada to a top three finish, before going on to win the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix two days later.

In August, Underhill was a member of the Canadian Show Jumping Team for the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Championships in Herning, DEN, riding Nikka van den Bisschop.

The Rein family also owns the Rome Gladiators team that competes at five-star events around the world as part of the Global Champions League. Underhill is only the second Canadian after Lamaze to be a member of a Global Champions League team.

In addition to their support at the international level, Rein and Dow-Rein also support Canadian Brady Mitchell in the hunter divisions.

"Thank you to Equestrian Canada for selecting us for this great honour again," said the Reins. "It was a thrill for us this year to see our horses, Dieu Merci and Nikka, represent Canada internationally in multiple Nations' Cups, the FEI World Championships, and with the crowning achievement of Dieu Merci and Beth Underhill winning the Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule. Harold Chopping also had a lot of success this year in the United States including grand prix wins on both Quadrant 3 and Gerderieka."

The Rein family was presented with the EC Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award on Thursday, November 10, prior to the start of the Big Ben Challenge at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

First introduced in 1995, the "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.



The Rein family was presented with the EC Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award at the Royal Horse Show. From left to right: Fran McAvity representing the EC Jumping Committee, Beth Underhill, Cassidy Rein, Tara Dow-Rein, Mark Rein, and Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Manager of Sport – Jumping for Equestrian Canada.



Beth Underhill and Dieu Merci van T and L, owned by Rein Family LLC in partnership with Torrey Pines Stable Inc., competing at CSIO5* La Baule, France.

LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS

TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of October 31, 2022*



62.	Tiffany Foster	1732	435.	Kara Chad	485
104.	Mario Deslauriers	1414	457.	Tim Wilks	463
108.	Erynn Ballard	1382	511.	Susan Horn	406
131.	Beth Underhill	1240	525.	Lisa Carlsen	390
135.	Amy Millar	1224	534.	Hyde Moffatt	382
144.	Vanessa Mannix	1168	562.	Jim Ifko	360
186.	Sam Walker	1005	571.	Wesley Newlands	355
194.	Jacqueline Steffens Daly	981	598.	Rebecca McGoldrick	335
259.	Ali Ramsay	785	622.	Brian Morton	311
361.	Sean Jobin	594	654.	Ben Asselin	294

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