

# THE WARM-UP RING

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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



At this time of year, many of us are full of anticipation as we prepare to attend Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Representing the culmination of another show season, The Royal has showcased the best of the best, both human and equine, in their respective year-end finals for decades. While COVID-19 has sadly put a damper on The Royal for the second consecutive year, we're optimistic that we will be able to gather in November of 2022 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the largest indoor agricultural fair in the world. Milestones such as these are few and far between, and The Royal's longevity speaks to the importance of many facets of rural life. While we may come for the Royal Horse Show, being able to visit the cattle and sheep barns, interact with local food producers, and view the creations in unique competitions such as butter sculpture make it a truly special experience . . . to say nothing of the apple dumplings and potato latkes!

The other special event we will miss this November is the Jump Canada Hall of Fame. We've been profiling past inductees over the past year and in this issue of The Warm-Up Ring, you'll find the class of 2015. This black-tie gala evening, presented by long-time sponsor and friend of equestrian sport, BMO Financial Group, is a sell-out event each year. It's always fun to see our riders step out of their breeches and boots and into their formal wear for an evening of celebration. Like The Royal, we look forward to seeing the Jump

Canada Hall of Fame Gala return in all its glory in 2022.

As the deadline for applications for our Jumping Youth Bursary program approaches, we have been overwhelmed by the number of quality candidates. This program is made possible through a leadership donation by Mark Samuel, Kevin Sanford, and the Samuel-Sanford family, and the role it has played over the years in helping young riders balance their studies while continuing to follow their competitive goals has been immense. We've been so impressed and inspired by the young people applying for bursaries that the Jumping Committee is considering the possibility of expanding it in future years.

In this issue, we continue our "Meet Your Jumping Committee Members" feature by profiling Lynn Macyk of Edmonton, AB. Like all our Jumping Committee members, Lynn selflessly donates her time for the betterment of hunter/jumper sport in our country. We've received numerous compliments on this feature and are pleased to help our sport license holders connect with, and learn more about, the committee members who represent them. As we often only know each other's roles in the horse world, it's been fun learning more about each other's personalities and interests away from the barn.

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

Happy fall, everyone!

**Karen Sparks**  
Chair,  
EC Jumping Committee

# ERIC LAMAZE AND HICKSTEAD INDUCTED INTO CANADA'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Olympic show jumping champions Eric Lamaze and Hickstead were inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame during a virtual ceremony held Sunday evening, October 3, 2021.

Inducted in the 'Team' category, Lamaze and Hickstead are widely considered to be the best competitors of their era. Among their many feats was claiming the Olympic Championship title at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and leading Canada to the team silver medal.

Lamaze and Hickstead also earned an individual bronze medal at the 2010 World Championships in Lexington, Kentucky, where Hickstead was awarded the title of "Best Horse." They won team silver and individual bronze medals at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as well as several major grand prix show jumping titles including Calgary, Canada (2007 and 2011); Geneva, Switzerland (2008); Aachen, Germany (2010); La Baule, France (2011); and Rome, Italy (2011).

"I believe this is the greatest honour you can receive from your country," said Lamaze, 53. "Hickstead was incredible, simply one of a kind. Together, we were proud to represent Canada on the world stage. It is well deserved on his part; I just went along for the ride."

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Canada's Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony, traditionally held each October in Toronto, ON, was held virtually for the first time. Hosted by Sportsnet's Ron MacLean and Tara Slone, the ceremony also featured musical performances by Jim Cuddy, best known for his work with Blue Rodeo.

In addition to being inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2020/21, Lamaze received the *Order*

*of Sport*, Canada's highest sporting honour. The *Order of Sport* was presented to Lamaze while he was competing at the Spruce Meadows 'Masters' tournament in Calgary, AB, in September. It was a fitting venue for the presentation, given that a life-size bronze statue of Hickstead overlooks the Spruce Meadows Plaza.

Hickstead (Hamlet – Jomara x Ekstein) was bred in The Netherlands by Jan van Schijndel and born on March 2, 1996. Lamaze purchased the Dutch Warmblood stallion in 2004 through Stephex Stables in Belgium and owned him in partnership with John Fleischhacker's Ashland Stables of the United States. Prior to his tragic death during competition in Italy in 2011, Hickstead had earned more than \$3 million in prize money during his career with Lamaze.

Lamaze has competed in three consecutive Olympic Games – 2008 Beijing, China; 2012 London, England; and 2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In addition to the individual gold and team silver medals won with Hickstead in Beijing, Lamaze won an individual bronze medal partnered with Fine Lady 5 at the 2016 Olympic Games. He owns and operates Torrey Pines Stable, a show jumping training and sales business with bases in Wellington, Florida, and Brussels, Belgium, where he trains many students from various nationalities at the elite level.

For more information on Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Order of Sport, visit [www.sportshall.ca](http://www.sportshall.ca) and [www.orderofsport.ca](http://www.orderofsport.ca).



Beijing Olympic show jumping champions Eric Lamaze and Hickstead were inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 3, 2021.

# CANADIAN TEAM NAMED FOR SPANISH NATIONS' CUP

The Canadian Show Jumping Team will make its final Nations' Cup appearance of the year during the CSIO3\* Vejer de la Frontera, ESP, running from October 28-31, 2021. The Nations' Cup, scheduled for Friday, October 29, will feature fences set at 1.45m and offer €30,000 in prize money. All teams will compete in the first round over a course set by Javier Trenor Paz of Spain with the top eight teams returning for the second round.

Canada will be represented by the following athletes, all of whom are currently based in Europe, listed in alphabetical order:

Elizabeth Bates with Coach 11

Rebecca McGoldrick with Fanta M or Fleur IV

Kyle Timm with Crapule Verdoso or Flexible Flight

Tim Wilks with Diamanthea VG Z or Guestlist

For more information and live streaming, visit <https://www.sunshinetour.net/>

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Elizabeth Bates



Rebecca McGoldrick



Kyle Timm



Tim Wilks

## CLINICS, CLINICS, CLINICS!

**Who:** Maria Hernek (Sweden), Course Director  
**What:** FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday, January 15 and 16, 2022  
**Where:** Helsinki, Finland  
**How:** Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards and FEI Dressage Stewards  
**Application deadline:** Monday, December 13, 2021  
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 Jacques van Daele (Belgium), Course Directors  
**What:** FEI Dressage and Jumping Steward Maintenance Course  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6, 2022  
**Where:** Garderen, The Netherlands  
**How:** Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards and FEI Dressage Stewards  
**Application deadline:** Monday, November 15, 2021  
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 Jacques van Daele (Belgium), Course Directors  
**What:** FEI Dressage and Jumping Steward Maintenance Course  
**When:** Monday and Tuesday, February 7 and 8, 2022  
**Where:** Garderen, The Netherlands  
**How:** Open to all Level 1/2/3 FEI Jumping Stewards and FEI Dressage Stewards  
**Application deadline:** Monday, January 3, 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 Jacques van Daele (Belgium), Course Directors  
**What:** FEI Jumping Steward Maintenance Course  
**When:** Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13, 2022  
**Where:** Aachen, Germany  
**How:** Open to all FEI Jumping Stewards and FEI Dressage Stewards  
**Application deadline:** Monday, January 3, 2022  
Limited to a maximum of 20 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.  
For full invitation information, click [here](#).

# MEET YOUR EC JUMPING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LYNN MACYK | EDMONTON, AB

*By Jennifer Ward*

Edmonton-based Lynn Macyk has been a mainstay on the hunter/jumper circuit in Western Canada for decades. From her earliest days riding as a teenager to her current role as an FEI-level athlete and trainer, horses have been Lynn's passion. Operating Blue Sky Farms, Macyk trains riders for the hunter and jumper rings in addition to competing herself. She currently competes two Irish Sport Horses in FEI-sanctioned competition, Neat Midnight Magic and Be Aware.

We caught up with Lynn to learn more about her background and her involvement in Canadian hunter/jumper sport.

## **What is your role in equestrian sport?**

I've been riding since I was 10 years old and continued to ride all through school. I have two degrees - one is a Bachelor of Science in psychology, and one is a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy. I continued to ride and teach all through university, and while I've definitely made use of my university education, I decided to stick with the riding and the teaching as my chosen career.

I have a competitive hunter/jumper barn, Blue Sky Farms, based at the Amberlea Meadows facility in Edmonton. I can have anywhere between 30 and 50 customer horses in, depending on the month. We compete in Western Canada at venues like Spruce Meadows and Thunderbird and in the Western U.S. in Thermal as well as competing locally.

In addition to riding and coaching, I organize the Blue Sky Classic horse show alongside Shannon Hayes at our home facility. I also assist Gerald Drews, Ellen Ortlieb, and Elexis Ortlieb in the organization and management of several horse shows hosted at Amberlea Meadows.

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

I've been a member of the Jumping Committee since 2019. I'm also an EC-licensed Level 2 competition coach specialist.

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

You had to be 10 before you could take lessons where I started. My favourite horse that I rode was Sunshine, a 15.2hh palomino. I started riding at Whitemud Equine Center in Edmonton and helped with a little bit of everything - riding, teaching, and helping around the barn.

## **Are you currently still riding?**

I sure am! I have nice horses that I just had a great time with at Spruce Meadows. We did six weeks on the road at Spruce Meadows and Thunderbird. You're thinking, "oh boy!" going into it, but I'm sure glad I did it. I currently compete up to the 1.45m level.

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

Jumping a clear round in the International Ring at Spruce Meadows. It cost me more money than any class ever has, but it was also the most fun I've ever had! It was on my good horse,



Courtesy of Lynn Macyk

Lynn Macyk and Be Aware, her eight-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare.



Courtesy of Lynn Macyk

Lynn Macyk (mounted) celebrates a 1.35m win riding Be Aware at Spruce Meadows with her head groom and barn manager of 16 years, Alison White (left), and long-time friend and eyes on the ground, Gail Greenough.

Aly. She was the best! I think it was 2013. It was my first time competing at the 1.45m level. A close second would be jumping in the World Cup qualifier at Thunderbird Show Park the same year.

### **Favourite horse show venue?**

Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC.

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

I would love to go to the 2024 Olympics where the equestrian events are going to be held at Versailles. Not to compete! It would just be amazing to see.

### **Dream vacation?**

I love Hawaii. It is my all-time favourite. It's very relaxing, beautiful, and the temperature is perfect all the time.

### **Cats or Dogs?**

Dogs. One is sitting on my lap right now. I have two dogs. One is a Tipperary Terrier, which is a tan and black Jack Russell from Ireland. They named her Candy because they knew she was going to Canada, as cheesy as that is.

Our other dog is a white Terrier-cross. He is a rescue from Thermal, California, in 2020. He'll be two this year. His name is Brody. We found him on the road, so I stuck a 'b' in front of 'road' to come up with Brody.

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

*Bridgerton*. It's kind of out of my wheelhouse, but I did like it.

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

I don't like to be negative so instead of saying something was wrong, I always say, "that wasn't ideal." It's not positive, but it's not negative, either!

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

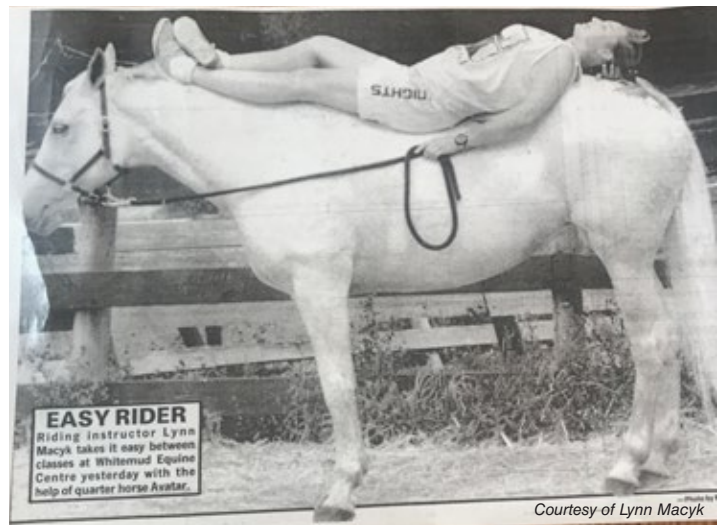
Milk, blueberries, and orange juice. I should also say wine because that's always in there, too.

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

To be honest, even though he was a bit crazy, Big Ben. I was always a fan.

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

A lot of people don't know I have two university degrees. They always seem surprised to learn that, for some reason.



An old newspaper clipping featuring Lynn Macyk.



Lynn Macyk and Aly competing at her favourite venue, Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC.

## **2021 FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

This year, the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) will host a Hybrid General Assembly featuring both in-person and virtual sessions on Wednesday, November 17, in Antwerp, Belgium. The FEI General Assembly runs from November 14 to 17, 2021, and will be broadcast in its entirety for all interested parties. In addition, a detailed wrap-up report will be produced.

The FEI General Assembly agenda and pertaining documents (annexes) are available at the dedicated **FEI Hybrid General Assembly 2021 Hub**, where relevant information pertaining to the meetings scheduled throughout the week and a tab to watch the FEI Hybrid General Assembly on November 17, 2021, are included.



# A LOOK BACK AT THE JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015

Jump Canada Hall of Fame

Time flies! The 2015 Jump Canada Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala marked the ninth edition of the fabulous event celebrating our sport's achievements. Once again presented by loyal sponsor BMO Financial Group, the 2015 edition saw four new champions welcomed into the Hall of Fame during a sold-out, black-tie celebration at Toronto's Liberty Grand Entertainment Complex. Moffat Dunlap was inducted into the category of Builder (Individual); Equestrian Management Group was recognized as the Builder (Organization); Doug Hood was posthumously inducted in the Coach category; and the prolific stallion, Rio Grande, owned by Augustin and Christine Walch, was inducted in the Jumper Horse category.

Read on to learn more about these four inductees, all of whom have had an incredible impact on hunter/jumper sport in Canada and beyond.

## **Builder (Individual): Moffat Dunlap**

Moffat Dunlap could have easily been inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame in the category of rider, given his successful 20-year tenure as a member of the Canadian Equestrian Team. However, his life-long commitment to show jumping, his generosity towards his teammates, and his dedication to the continued improvement of Canada's hunter/jumper industry makes him a true builder of the sport.

Moffat made his major games debut on home ground, winning a team bronze medal riding Argyle at the 1967 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, MB. His Pan Am Games teammates were Jim Day, Jim Elder, and Tom Gayford. Three years later, the exact same team would contest the 1970 World Championships in La Baule, France. Canada arrived in France as the Olympic Champions, having claimed team gold in 1968 in Mexico City, Mexico. Canada faced stiff competition from its European challengers and, eventually, a jump-off was needed between Canada and France to determine who would be crowned the new World Champion. It was Moffat who came through for his nation, delivering a pivotal clear round riding Argyle to secure the World Championship title, and simultaneously making Canada both the reigning Olympic and World Champions. It was a celebrated occasion, and one that has never been duplicated since.

While Moffat will always be revered by his teammates and his country for that great day in sporting history, his contributions to show jumping extend far beyond the competition arena. Both competitive and generous, Moffat would often lend horses to his teammates if they needed a mount, particularly for Nations' Cup appearances. He was also known to mentor and support young riders, and was instrumental in developing Malcolm Pierce, the son of his manager at March Winds Farm, as a member of Canada's junior international team.

Out of the saddle, Moffat lent his time and expertise as the Jumping Team Chairman during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games, where Canada came tantalizing close to securing a team medal before finishing fourth overall. He also served the industry in many other roles, including as a director of the Canadian Equestrian Team, Canadian Horse Council, Canadian Horse Shows Association, Canadian Pony Club, and the Horseman's Benevolent and Protective Association.

An honorary director of the Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association and a member of the advisory council of the Equine Research Center at the University of Guelph, Moffat has also served on the Equine Advisory Boards at both Humber and Seneca Colleges.

In his roles of Director, Royal Horse Show Chairman (a position also later held by his son, John), and President of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Moffat is credited with raising the standard of competition and generating new enthusiasm for the annual indoor competition. Taking the Presidency seriously, Moffat would often drive from King Township to downtown Toronto, despite also working full-time as a successful realtor specializing in country and equestrian properties. Strong, yet quiet, Moffat instilled a sense of trust in those he worked with and developed a reputation for always being good to his word.

Driven by an innate desire to give back to the sport, Moffat Dunlap has truly been a builder of the sport, and is a deserving Jump Canada Hall of Fame inductee.



### **Builder (Organization): Equestrian Management Group**

Every business owner strives to provide a great product or service, and the partners of Equestrian Management Group (EMG) are no different. With decades of experience between them in various capacities, the idea was born to create a premier facility for equestrian sport.

In 1989, EMG was formed. The original founding partners were Gord Auty, Craig Collins, Robert Meilsoe, and John Weir. Auty would eventually sell his shares, while Meilsoe died in 2007. That left Bob Carey, Collins, and Weir as the remaining partners with Collins acting as managing partner.

At its inception, EMG had its eye on the Caledon Equestrian Park, located approximately one hour north-west of Toronto. At the time, the venue was hosting a couple of horse shows each year in grass rings staked off with yellow rope. With a great location, good footing and drainage, and beautiful vistas from every viewpoint, the possibilities were endless, and EMG quickly set about securing the Park.

Having played the roles of everything from competitor and trainer to judge and course designer, the EMG partners pooled their years of experience and set about creating a first-class facility that was professionally operated and catered to its exhibitors. When EMG quickly proved that the facility was viable, it entered a long-term relationship with the Town of Caledon and the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority, who own a portion of the property.

What started out as a facility with potential blossomed into a full-scale competition venue complete with stabling for 1,000 horses, five competition arenas, multiple schooling and lunging rings, wash stalls, and many more amenities appreciated by riders, trainers, and grooms alike. A grandstand pavilion featuring a permanent restaurant and bathroom facilities, as well as spectator seating areas, was added. Soon, EMG was regularly hosting 16 competitions annually.

Then came the news that the Caledon Equestrian Park had been selected as the equestrian venue for the 2015 Pan American Games being hosted by Toronto, ON. The official announcement in 2011 led to the transformation of the Park, now officially renamed the Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park, from a top national facility into a world-class venue. A complete renovation saw new competition rings installed and a brand-new pavilion and judges' tower built as some of the upgrades. One of the most exciting additions was the construction of a new state-of-the-art indoor arena measuring 117' x 275', allowing the Park to host competitions and other events and activities year-round.

In July of 2015, EMG welcomed the world to the Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park for what has been hailed as the most successful edition of Pan Am Games equestrian competition to date. After the 2015 Pan American Games came to a close the equestrian community continued to enjoy the legacy built by EMG.

*Editor's Note* – In 2021, EMG sold its assets and no longer operates equestrian events at the Caledon Pan Am Equestrian Park.

### **Coach: Doug Hood (posthumously)**

William Douglas Hood grew up with four sisters on their family farm in Richmond Hill, ON. His father, Wilfred Hood, had been with the Governor General's Horse Guards for many years and instilled a disciplined approach to riding in his son. Doug started competing at a young age and turned professional when he was 12. By the time he had reached his mid-teens, he was winning jumper classes throughout Ontario, including at the prestigious Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, riding horses for his father's clients.

Doug was a member of the Eglington Pony Club and would go on to realize his dream of riding on the Canadian Equestrian Team. In the 1950s and early 1960s, Doug regularly rode on the Nations' Cup indoor fall circuit, then consisting of Harrisburg, Washington, New York, and Toronto, and was often joined by childhood friend Jim Elder as well as Tom Gayford and Bob Ballard. He enjoyed success in the international and open jumper divisions with horses such as Chance Had, Geronimo, Anytime, and Chiro Lad.

In the early 1960s, Doug established Briar Hall Stables Ltd. in Oakville, ON, a competition facility and riding school. Several of Canada's top equitation, hunter, and jumper riders spent time under Doug's tutelage at Briar Hall, which was in operation for almost four decades. A small sampling of his students included Liz Ashton, Harold Bannister, Jennifer Astles-Moon, Mary Baillie, Dee Salter Walker, and the Samuel and Carpenter families. Students came from across the country to train with Doug, including Norma Meyers, Barbara and John Simpson, and hunter rider Judy Shaw from Alberta and Kevin Crosby Sr. from Nova Scotia. Success stories ranged from equitation medal final wins for Cathy Collard Roy and Gail Casselman Cox to Canadian Equestrian Team appearances for Doug Henry and Terry Leibel.



From left to right: John Weir, Craig Collins and Bob Carey.



A firm believer in the basics and a proper foundation, Doug required his junior students to compete in equitation and medal classes. He was one of the first Canadian coaches to take students to the U.S. to compete in the AHSA Medal, USET Jumper Medal, and the Maclay Medal Finals. Given that no jumper medal classes were offered at the time, he worked to institute USET medal classes at a number of Canadian horse shows during the early 1980s.

A great horseman, Doug found and developed many well-known hunter and jumper horses including MindBender, Nemesis, Merchant of Venice, Mr. Rustler, The Mad Hatter, Happy Landings, Walkover, Chiro Lad, and The Godfather, a horse competed by Robin Hahn in three day eventing. Having ridden Chiro Lad himself before retiring from grand prix competition, Doug generously loaned the horse to Doug Henry to ride on the Canadian Team.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Doug frequently served as chef d'equipe of the Canadian Equestrian Team, mentoring such notable riders as Terrance 'Torchy' Millar, Moffat Dunlap, and Ian Millar.

Doug was a Director of the Canadian Horse Shows Association, a founding member of Canada's Professional Horsemen's Association, and was also a senior level judge and course designer. Doug was actively involved in the development of steeplechase meets throughout Ontario. He also held a trainer's license and raced thoroughbreds at Woodbine and Fort Erie racetracks.

Doug truly loved horse sport, and openly shared his knowledge with anyone who expressed a desire to learn. His contributions to the development of so many riders over the years made him a revered and respected coach, and a deserving Inductee of the Jump Canada Hall of Fame.

### **Jumper Horse: Rio Grande**

Rio Grande had the distinction of being inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame for his sporting accomplishments as well as his legacy as a sire.

Rio Grande, a 1986 bay Hanoverian stallion (Raphael x Windhuk), was purchased over the phone from the Verden auction in Germany as a three-year-old. His new owner was Augustin Walch, a native of Germany himself who had come to Canada in 1980 and established W. Charlot Farms in the small theatre town of Stratford, ON.

After competing in both the dressage and hunter rings, Rio Grande found success as a grand prix jumper under future Olympic Champion, Eric Lamaze. With Lamaze, Rio Grande helped Canada score back-to-back Nations' Cup victories in 1995 at the iconic National Horse Show in New York City and in front of a home crowd at Toronto's Royal Horse Show. In 1996, the pair represented Canada at the World Cup Final in Geneva, Switzerland, and finished second in the Atlanta Olympic selection trials.

Following his time partnered with Lamaze, Rio Grande went on to enjoy grand prix success under other riders, including Jenni Martin of the United States, before being retired from competition in 2001.

As one chapter of his career was ending, another was only just beginning.

A prolific sire, Rio Grande produced top quality sport horses for the show jumping, hunter, dressage, and eventing markets, passing on his versatility, wonderful disposition, and athleticism. Revered as a breeding stallion, he was an approved by the Hanoverian Verband; American Hanoverian Society; International Horse Sport Registry; Oldenburg; Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association; and the Canadian Sport Horse Association.

His impact was far-reaching and extended well beyond Canadian borders. For an incredible ten consecutive years, from 2004 through to 2013, W. Charlot Farms was named the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Hunter Breeder of the Year due in large part to the points accumulated by the offspring of its flagship stallion, Rio Grande. Progeny such as Rio Renoir, Eye Remember Rio, Rio Bravo, Rio Bronco, Due North, and Rave all excelled in their respective divisions. Underlining Rio Grande's dominance as a sire, W. Charlot Farms routinely topped the USEF Hunter of the Year standings with more than double the number of points of its closest competition.

Rio Grande also produced horses that went on to enjoy success in the grand prix show jumping ring, including Rio's Rhapsody, ridden Erynn Ballard, and Catwalk, ridden by Darrin Dlin. In the 2000s, it was not unusual for Rio Grande offspring to make up as much as 30 or even 40 percent of the starting field in the Canadian Young Jumper Development Series events.

Rio Grande died suddenly on May 21, 2007, at the age of 21. To this day, he remains one of the most influential North America horse sport sires in the eyes of the hunter and jumper community.



*Michelle C. Dunn*

Rio Grande pictured with owner Augustin Walch.

# SUCCESS STORIES



Courtesy of Harvest Horse Show

## KATRINA KOMITSCH

Katrina Komitsch of Calgary, AB, won the CET Medal Prairie Regional Final during the Harvest Horse Show held from September 23 to 26 in Edmonton, AB. A total of nine entries competed for the Regional Final title with Komitsch, 21, winning both the flat/gymnastic and the jumping phases to come out on top riding Secreto, her 10-year-old bay gelding sired by Numero Uno. Taking the Reserve Championship title was 18-year-old Sonja Sward, also of Calgary, AB, riding Arctic Bay, her 12-year bay gelding.



Courtesy of Thunderbird Show Park

## SOFIA SCHLISSLER

Sofia Schliessler of Maple Ridge, BC, is becoming a familiar face in the winner's circle during Jump Canada Medal presentations. Her latest win during the 2021 season came on Saturday, September 24, during the CSI4\*-W Harvest Celebration at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC. Riding Casallord, an eight-year-old grey gelding owned by Kim Ryzak, the 18-year-old athlete topped a starting field of six entries for the win. Second place was awarded to Vancouver's Ava Abramowich, 17, riding Escalade, a 12-year-old bay gelding owned by Jill Diamond.



Courtesy of Thunderbird Show Park

## JESSICA FELCAN

Jessica Felcan led the victory gallop following the CET Medal class held during the CSI-W Harvest Celebration at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC. Held on Sunday, September 26, a total of 13 entries vied for victory with Felcan of West Vancouver, BC, coming out on top. The 20-year-old athlete rode Emostonis, her 17-year-old dark bay gelding, to the win. Lily Van Elliot of Richmond, BC, was the runner-up riding Carvill VA, an 11-year-old dark bay gelding.



Ben Radvanyi Photography

## ROWEN HAHN

A fresh face emerged as the winner of the CET Medal competition held on Friday, September 24, during the CSI5\* Major League Show Jumping at Caledon tournament at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Palgrave, ON. Rowen Hahn of Thornhill, ON, was the judge's pick to win riding Capitol Tycoon, a 12-year-old grey gelding sired by Cardento and owned by the rider. The 17-year-old pinned Ellah Dubeau-Kielty, who had already made several trips to the winner's circle this season, into second place. Dubeau-Kielty, 18, of Burlington, ON, was riding Blueberry Hill, an eight-year-old bay gelding sired by Viva Voltaire and owned by Kate Curry.



Ben Radvanyi Photography

## CATHERINE O'CONNOR

Catherine O'Connor of Peterborough, ON, topped a starting field of 12 entries to win the Jump Canada Medal class held on Sunday, September 26, during the CSI5\* Major League Show Jumping at Caledon tournament held in Palgrave, ON. O'Connor, 18, was aboard Melbourne Z, her 15-year-old bay gelding sired by Eurocommerce Memphis, for the win. American competitor, Elodie Lemieux, finished runner-up riding King's Landing while Toronto's Ella McHardy was third with Geneva.



Quinn Saunders for tbird

## KASSIDY KEITH

Kassidy Keith of Surrey, BC, enjoyed a great two weeks of competition at Thunderbird Show Park in her hometown of Langley, BC. During the CSI4\*-W Harvest Celebration, held from September 22 to 26, Keith won the MarBill Hill Under 25 League Final, powered by Grant Productions, riding Havana and was also crowned the overall MarBill Hill Under 25 Series Champion.

Five days later, during the CSI2\* BCHJA Fall Finale also held at Tbird, the pair pulled off their first victory in Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) sanctioned competition by winning the \$36,900 CSI2\* 1.45m competition on Friday, October 1. Keith, 23, topped the eight-horse jump-off with Havana, her nine-year-old Canadian-bred Dutch Warmblood mare (Cardento x Judgement) that she has been developing for the past five years. Their jump-off time of 41.40 seconds edged out Ireland's Conor Swail and Vital Chance de la Roque, who had also jumped clear in a time of 41.81 seconds. A young professional, Keith rides, trains, and coaches at her mother's Keepsake Farms.



Courtesy of Thunderbird Show Park

## KATE WALKINGTON

Consistency paid off for Kate Walkington of Langley, BC, in the CET Medal British Columbia Regional Finals held on Saturday, October 2, during the CSI2\* BCHJA Fall Finale at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC. Held indoors, the Regional Finals attracted a total of 19 entries and saw Walkington finish second in the flat/gymnastic phase to Lily Van Elliot of Richmond, BC. In the jumping phase, Walkington again finished second riding Clarimero T, her 10-year-old grey gelding, behind Sofia Schliessler of Maple Ridge, BC, riding Casallord. The top six were called back for a jump-off phase, after which it was announced that 16-year-old Walkington had emerged victorious over Anya Bereznicki of Calgary, AB, riding The Great Gatsby to claim the CET Medal British Columbia Regional Final Championship title.



Courtesy of Thunderbird Show Park

## LILY VAN ELLIOT

Lily Van Elliot of Richmond, BC, had been dominating equitation competition in British Columbia all season so it was no surprise when she ended up as the winner in the Jump Canada Medal British Columbia Regional Final on Thursday, September 30, 2021, during the CSI2\* BCHJA Fall Finale at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC. The Regional Finals attracted 13 entries with Van Elliot, 17, taking the win aboard Carvill VA, an 11-year-old dark bay gelding owned by Yvonne Van Duin. Claiming the Jump Canada Medal British Columbia Regional Final Reserve Championship title was Emma Woo, 18, of Surrey, BC, riding Adriana 56, her 13-year-old grey mare.



Quinn Saunders for third

## TIFFANY FOSTER

Two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC, closed out the CSI2\* BCHJA Fall Finale at Thunderbird Show Park in Langley, BC, with a win in the \$100,000 Onni Group Grand Prix on Sunday, October 3. Riding Brighton, a speed specialist, Foster topped a six-horse jump-off. Her time of 36.37 seconds with Brighton, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Contender II x Quick Star) owned by Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms LLC, was more than enough to win over Lauren Crooks of the United States who had stopped the clock in 37.80 seconds riding Louisiana van de Moortelshoeve. Foster's student, Alicia Gadban-Lewis of Delta, BC, placed third riding Beneficial while Foster's other jump-off contender, Figor, was also double clear for fourth place.



Ben Radvanyi Photography

## ELLAH DUBEAU-KIELTY

Ellah Dubeau-Kielty's domination of the equitation divisions this season continued with a double victory during the Caledon Cup tournament held from September 29 to October 3 at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Palgrave, ON. In the CET Medal class on Thursday, September 30, Dubeau-Kielty of Burlington, ON, topped five other entries to take the win riding Blueberry Hill, an eight-year-old bay gelding sired by Viva Voltaire and owned by Kate Curry. Mackenzie Solomon, 17, of Burlington, ON, was runner-up riding Cinderella 718.

Two days later in the Jump Canada Medal, Dubeau-Kielty, 18, again emerged victorious, this time besting an eight-horse starting field. Dubeau-Kielty's winning mount this time was Kingsport (pictured), a 10-year-old bay gelding owned by Kathy Hartling. Second place went to 18-year-old Catherine O'Connor of Peterborough, ON, riding Melbourne Z.



Winslow Photography

## QUINCY HAYES

Canada's Quincy Hayes of Aurora, ON, made her debut at the World Equestrian Center – Wilmington a winning one during the Fall Series IV competition held from October 20-24 in Wilmington, OH. Riding Paisley Park for owner Danielle Trudell-Baran, Hayes was in a three-way tie for second place with a score of 90 following the opening round of the \$20,000 WEC 3' Open Hunter Derby held indoors on Friday, October 22. Returning for the second round, the 30-year-old piloted Paisley Park, a nine-year-old bay gelding, to a high score of 94 for a total of 184 points over the course designed by Bobby Murphy, giving them the win over 28 other entries. Morgan Ward of the United States placed second with scores of 91.5 and 89 for a total of 180.5 riding Playmaker.



Andrew Ryback Photography

## CASSANDRA KAHLE

Cassandra Kahle of Langley, BC, closed out the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in style by riding Pyrenes de Louzes to victory in the \$100,000 Forrester Farm Equipment Grand Prix de Penn National on Saturday, October 23. The grand finale of the 10-day horse show held in Harrisburg, PA, a total of four entries qualified for the jump-off over a track set by Mexican course designer Manuel Esparza. As the penultimate jump-off challengers, Kahle and Pyrenes de Louzes took over the lead with a clear round in a time of 36.01 seconds and, when the final challenger dropped three rails, it would prove to hold up for the win.

"It feels pretty surreal!" said Kahle, 29, of her win. "I'm very dedicated to the sport. I love it. I do it every day, so it's a lot of ups and downs, a lot of long days. To have a day like this come together makes it all worth it."

Kahle's groom of two years, Oscar Teranzo, was presented with the Moira Jane Caffarey – George L Hennessy Memorial Perpetual Trophy as the caretaker of the winning grand prix horse. Pyrenes de Louzes, better known as "Pyro" around the barn, is a 18-year-old Selle Français gelding (Kannan x Ugo du Midour) owned by Kahle's employer, Redfield Farm, that she has been riding since 2006.

# LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS



## TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of September 30, 2021*

38.	Mario Deslauriers	1839	306.	Jim Ifko	565
40.	Erynn Ballard	1825	318.	Sam Walker	545
61.	Tiffany Foster	1595	354.	Kara Chad	490
113.	Eric Lamaze	1265	385.	Ali Ramsay	448
159.	Amy Millar	975	464. (tie)	Darrin Dlin	360
169.	Vanessa Mannix	950	464. (tie)	Sean Jobin	360
178.	Ben Asselin	910	523.	Beth Underhill	315
255.	Jacqueline Steffens	705	552.	Mac Cone	295
282.	Brian Morton	628	559.	Alicia Gadban-Lewis	290
300.	Lisa Carlsen	590	578.	Nicole Walker	280

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