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Along with many Canadians and a large part of the Canadian Eventing Committee, my family and I recently attended the 2010 Alltech World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky. What an exciting event!

On cross country day, the Canadians laid down six picture-perfect rounds with no jumping penalties (including three within the time!) – the only country to do so. The total combined cross

country penalties for all six riders was 7.2 time penalties! As we were leaving the Kentucky Horse Park, it was announced that Canada had moved from ninth place after Dressage and now sat in third position behind Great Britain and the USA, which was certainly cause for celebration!

We arrived the next day on pins and needles to watch the show jumping. The stands were packed and the tension was high! The course was full-on what it should be for a World Championships. The scores were very close. I must confess that I learned a very big lesson that day. I would have been perfectly content to finish in third place, but obviously our team felt differently. They rose to the occasion and gave it their all. The Canadians meant business and when the dust settled, there we were with our mouths agape - our Team had just won the Silver Medal and, individually, our riders placed 9th, 11th, 17th, 23rd and 34th – a spectacular performance!

It is impossible to describe the range of emotions I personally felt sitting there in the stands. After each round the noise was deafening - who would have thought a bunch of Canadians could be so loud? We were all on our feet and we were shouting and stamping and yelling! My 12-year-old granddaughter, Emily, could

not have said it better when she said, “Thank you, Granny, for bringing me. This is so exciting and fun and great!” If I felt strange when people all around began congratulating me and then I realized that I, too, had been part of it all. I was very proud.

The Silver Medal result of the World Equestrian Games demonstrates that, under the leadership and guidance of International Technical Advisor David O'Connor and Chef d'Equipe Graeme Thom, our program is working. We had the honour of witnessing the outcome of all the sacrifices and hard work endured by all our riders, coaches, grooms, support staff, volunteers, owners, sponsors, suppliers and everyone who helped us get there. This includes not only the six athletes that competed at the Games, but all of the riders who worked so hard to be there but did not quite make it this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our owners for their invaluable and ongoing support, and to also recognize and thank the many sponsors and companies who provided supplies and services to the team.

This was the best Canadian Team performance in the history of the World Equestrian Games by all eight disciplines comprising the Team, and I congratulate Reining Canada and Jump Canada for bringing home individual bronze medals.

As Chair of the Canadian Eventing Committee, I am fully committed to ensuring that our sport continues to move forward in a positive manner. I am absolutely positive that we will not waiver in our commitment as we begin the preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, hosting the 2015 Pan American Games in Canada in 2015, and with a vision towards the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

Peggy Hambly, Chair, Equine Canada Eventing Committee

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DO YOU BELIEVE?

Canada Wins Team Silver at WEG

By Karen Robinson

If results at one competition were ever an auspicious sign for things to come at another, it was at the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event this past April, where six Canadian horses went clear on cross country, and four of them finished in the top ten. If anyone doubted that the Canadians could repeat their impressive results, those doubts were put to rest just four months later, when six Canadians went clear on cross country and the team came home with the first medal Canada has won at an Olympic or World Championship in 32 years.

Following Rolex, Canada's Team Technical Advisor David O'Connor predicted that the Canadian WEG team would contain a blend of experience and young talent. When the team and two individuals were finally named, that was indeed the case. Kyle Carter and Selena O'Hanlon were the most seasoned combinations on the team with their 2008 Olympic partners Madison Park and Colombo. Hawley Bennett-Awad had

ridden on the team several times in the past, but she was on the youngest team horse, the 10-year-old Gin & Juice. The youngest team member, 22-year-old Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch, was on the Canadian-bred Port Authority, a horse with exactly the same amount of experience as his rider. All four team members had been among those who, at Rolex, had given Canada a glimmer of what was possible.

Canada's two individuals, Rebecca Howard and Jessica Phoenix, were both on inexperienced horses – Riddle Master and Exponential – that had never been around a four star cross country course. Both riders had also spent time out of the saddle in the recent past: Howard had spent the spring recovering from injuries sustained in a fall at Pine Top in the early spring, while Phoenix had given birth to a son, Jacob, in late March. Riddle Master, at nine, was among the youngest of the 79 horses that competed in the 2010 WEG three day event.



Rebecca Howard and Riddle Master



Hawley Bennett-Awad and Gin & Juice



Kyle Carter and Madison Park



Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch and Port Authority

After two days of dressage, Canada was ninth out of 14 teams. Germany, led by the eventual individual gold medalist Michael Jung, was comfortably out in front, with Great Britain and Sweden second and third. The Americans were not far ahead of Canada, in seventh. Rhodes-Bosch was the highest placed Canadian rider after dressage, 17th with 44.2 penalties – a personal best for the BC native and her 12-year-old Selle Français/Thoroughbred gelding. O’Hanlon sat 41st, and Bennett-Awad was 48th; Carter, competing in the anchor position, was 73rd after getting through a challenging test with Madison Park, who was nervous in the atmosphere of the stadium. Individuals Howard and Phoenix were 57th and 67th going into cross country.

The first impression the WEG cross country course gave was that it was big; the second impression was that it was visually spectacular. Mike Etherington-Smith and his team of builders

had created a course that balanced Kentucky’s culture with its nature. More importantly, the 6,400 meter track with 28 obstacles (up to 45 jumping efforts) struck the balance of testing the world’s best without going too far. The crowd on cross country day was similar in size to the usual turn out at Rolex; some 50,000 spectators predictably congregated in the greatest masses at the two water complexes.

First on course for Canada was O’Hanlon with Colombo, Elaine and Michael Davies’ 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding. O’Hanlon was one of several early riders who proved it was possible to make the time; her clear round was a shot in the arm for Canada. There was still a long day ahead, but O’Hanlon says she started to believe the team could reach the podium after she had completed cross country.



Selena O'Hanlon and Colombo

WELCOME TO ROLEX STADIUM
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 TEAM RESULT

1.		GREAT BRITAIN	139.4
2.		CANADA	151.5
3.		NEW ZEALAND	154.8
4.		UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	160.3
5.		GERMANY	200.7
6.		BELGIUM	227.1

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Jessica Phoenix and Exponential

"I started to believe when I finished my clear round. I knew Hawley and Stephanie and Kyle would be great. After that the only thing that would stand in our way would be bad luck."

As she predicted, O'Hanlon's team mates were indeed great. Bennett-Awad had no trouble making the time on the diminutive but speedy Thoroughbred mare owned by Bennett-Awad and Linda Paine. Gin & Juice finished the course fresh and ready for more.

"She could have gone for another two minutes," said Bennett-Awad afterward.

While Canada continued to build momentum through the day with clear rounds for Howard and Phoenix – who each collected fewer than two time penalties – misfortune was striking other countries. Germany lost one team member, and the Swedes were down to two. By the time Rhodes-Bosch galloped to a third Canadian double clear round, Canada had leapt to bronze medal position. Carter went on course at the very end of the day knowing his team was already third. Madison Park gathered 4.4 time penalties but added a fourth clear round to Canada's team position.

The team scores by day's end were nail-bitingly close. Great Britain had taken over the lead (139.4) with less than a rail in hand over the Americans (143.3). The US in turn was just over four faults ahead of Canada (147.5); the team from New Zealand had advanced from sixth to fourth (150.8), giving the Canadians no margin for error.

Individually, the three Canadians who completed the day on their dressage scores had also climbed the leader-board: Rhodes-Bosch was fifth individually, O'Hanlon was 18th and Bennett-Awad was 22nd.

Of the 60 horses that completed the cross country, 55 presented and passed the final vet inspection on show jumping day. Among the five that had dropped out was Exponential, who had sustained a minor injury to one knee after a spectacular stumble and save at the Head of the Lake.

First in the stadium for Canada was Carter, in 35th place individually. The course didn't give an impression of great size or complexity but it took a fair toll on the field. Madison Park had two rails and a time penalty, but Carter gained one place to finish 34th individually. Howard had a four fault round with Riddle Master, which moved her up the board to 23rd place. Both Gin & Juice and Colombo jumped clear, making them two of only ten horses to finish the event on their dressage scores. Bennett-Awad improved her individual result three places to 17th, and O'Hanlon did even better, moving up six places to 11th.

Canada had now advanced into second place after Karen O'Connor's unfortunate round on Mandiba; her misfortune dropped the US team out of the medals and into fourth. The Kiwis had added four faults to their total, giving Rhodes-Bosch a little breathing room. One knockdown for the usually flawless Port Authority dropped Rhodes-Bosch to ninth individually, but Canada maintained second place. It was a Commonwealth scene during the medal ceremonies; the Canadians shared

the podium with the gold medal British team and bronze medal-winning New Zealanders. Jung was a deserving individual gold medalist with La Biosthetique-Sam FBW, nine points ahead of British silver medalist William Fox-Pitt on Cool Mountain. New Zealand's Andrew Nicholson on Nereo won individual bronze.

Following the medal ceremonies, the Canadian team was asked to share the reasons for their success.

"David O'Connor is responsible not just for coaching us, but putting together a program that has brought us here," said Carter. "We are getting stronger and stronger support, which enables us to do our job more easily. Everyone believes in it."

Rhodes-Bosch, finding herself the top Canadian twice in one year, said "I couldn't have been this successful without a program as structured as this. The consistency we have achieved is based on David's program."

O'Hanlon added that the continuous positive reinforcement creates an environment which encourages the riders to have confidence in themselves.

Bennett-Awad added, "The biggest thing I've noticed is that we are a lot more together as a group. In the next few years we'll be a country to look out for."

Most would argue that Canada is already there.



Michelle C. Dunn

INDOOR EVENTING AT THE ROYAL!

Once again, Good Crop Services presents the popular Indoor Eventing Challenge. Held Friday and Saturday evenings, November 5 and 6, during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair's opening weekend, Indoor Eventing combines the thrill of jumping natural obstacles with the precision of traditional show jumping fences. In a daring game where the fastest rider wins, the exciting Indoor Eventing Challenge will have fans cheering from the edge of their seats!

For tickets, please visit Ticketmaster at:
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CANADIAN EVENTING TEAM POSTER

A poster commemorating the Canadian Eventing Team's Silver Medal at the 2010 World Equestrian Games will be available at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. Stop by the Equine Canada booth in the trade fair and show your support for eventing – posters are available in exchange for a donation!

And don't miss your chance to have the Canadian Eventing WEG Team riders Jessica Phoenix, Selena O'Hanlon, Rebecca Howard and Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch autograph the poster on Saturday, November 6, from 4:15 to 5 p.m. at the Equine Canada booth!



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WEG Team

Horse	Rider	Owner(s)	Groom
Gin & Juice	Hawley Bennett-Awad	Rider & Linda Paine	Natalia Gurmankin
Madison Park	Kyle Carter	Rider & Jennifer Carter	Rachael Haase
Colombo	Selena O'Hanlon	Elaine & Michael Davies	Pamela Nunn
Port Authority	Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch	Rider & Patricia Bosch	Rachel Goff
Riddle Master	Rebecca Howard	Caroline Bazley	Rebecca von Scheinitz
Exponential	Jessica Phoenix	Rider	Lisa Barry

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Mission Accomplished:

David O'Connor reflects on WEG and Looks to the Future for Canada's Eventing Team

A conversation with Karen Robinson on October 9, 2010

Congratulations on the team silver medal. Did the competition go as expected from your point of view?

I'm proud of my riders. This went very much according to plan. We thought we would be 25 points behind in the dressage and would make it up from there. We have good cross country horses and good show jumping horses. Our goal was top five and we thought that if the day was a big day maybe we would be battling for a bronze ... and then it ended up going one better. It was exactly the plan of what we were trying to achieve. The riders maintained a business-like attitude, which is very impressive.

Do you think the success at Rolex contributed to the riders' confidence at WEG?

Yes, certainly. They were confident about running around a four star course. There were also two horses that had not done a four star before, and their performances at WEG were very impressive. A lot of it is belief. They believed they could do it and they went out and put their stuff down. With Jessica, it was a great performance for that horse – to have that moment happen at the water (when Exponential stumbled and nearly fell at the bounce into the water at the Head of the Lake) and to have him jump the rest and finish up so well.

How do you think this medal will affect eventing in Canada?

It creates belief. People want to be part of a successful journey. I have no doubt this is a spring board to make the sport of eventing bigger in Canada. It will have an effect on the growth of the sport, from the junior or amateur to the top.

As an American, do you ever feel a pang of conscience?

There is a patriotic side to me, yes. But I have a real attachment to these people, the group I call 'the kids'. I'm very loyal to people.

In 2006 you told me it would take four years to put your plan in place in order for a medal to come within reach. Now that you have made good on your commitment, can you look back over the past four years and identify any moments that were toughest?

Our Olympic performance wasn't what we were expecting. I went to them and said, 'you ride better than this result.' That was a disappointment because I thought they were really ready to be fifth or sixth, to step up the ladder. Then we had a couple of good Rolexes. There was a change in expectations. Two of the members of the 2008 team were here this time. They are as good as anybody else out there, and why not? I ask them, 'what is the difference between you and a Kim Severson?'

Kyle said in the post-medal press conference that he and the other riders hoped their medal would help to garner more support from horse owners back home in Canada, but I have already heard concerns from potential owners about the structure of Equine Canada's team horse donation program. When you speak of the opportunity for a rider to have a sponsored horse, are you thinking more along the lines of a private relationship as opposed to the EC program?

I'm a believer that when you have a sponsor who has a horse that it's a private relationship – whether through a syndicate or for an individual to have a relationship with a rider. I think that is the more successful approach – the stronger way. A syndicate makes it viable, and that's the way to go about it in some situations.

I don't like to put you on the spot and make you name names at the peril of leaving out some talented up-and-comers, but do any names spring to mind when you think of the field of riders one level below the team?

There are many talented younger riders coming up. Danica Moore has a lot of talent. Dana Cooke, who works for Rebecca Howard, is also quite a talented rider. There are a few younger people out there who look like they have possibilities. There are others like Diana Burnett, whose horses are younger but also show potential.

With the silver medal Canada has also earned a team berth for London. In the past, Canada gained its team spot with medal finishes at the Pan Am Games. Does this fact take the pressure off and change your plan going into Guadalajara 2011?

It's a development competition. The horses from here at WEG will go to Europe if there is money for that. Guadalajara will be great. Not having pressure for the Olympics makes a difference. We can take some horses for the future, and give more people the experience of what a team trip is like. We will be picking riders that will be for the future. I think we have the horses to win it and we'll be going down to win it. I'm really serious about winning.

A silver medal is almost as high as the bar of success goes. What is your plan as you prepare the Canadians for London in two years? I assume another podium result is a goal?

I think there are things to work on. We have good jumping horses that are good on cross country. Their dressage has to get better, and it has the ability to get better. That will be a major focus when we get together on the phone next week. The next 18 month plan will be aimed at achieving a similar result to WEG: a top medal at the Olympic Games. That will be the riders' job and all of our jobs, to make that next step.

You have pretty much been the principle coach of all three phases for most of the riders. Is that going to change?

We are going to bring a dressage coach in. We have discussed it with someone and he's interested. We need to finalize it. I didn't think we could have a dressage person too early but it was always part of the plan to have more specialists for the riders. When you bring in a specialist you can lose your base. I wanted to make sure we had a base of theory and technique that people understood before bringing anyone from outside. The plan is that I'll be dealing with the younger riders. When they get to a certain point they will have access to the specialist.

What can we expect to see you doing with Canada over the next year?

I'll meet with the riders in January; there will be two levels of training sessions next spring – the top group and the Pan Am group. I've been talking to EC and the CEC about the program. They have always believed in the plan, and I hope they will support the riders to get more experience. I would like to see two or three go to Badminton, and some will come to Kentucky. I'd like to see trips to Europe in the spring and then in the autumn, to Burghley or Blenheim. We need to continue spreading the experience around.

What else needs to happen in order for the success in 2010 to continue building momentum?

To take it to the next level there has to be greater support financially. It's a necessity to be able to compete at this level. You have to keep going in the frying pan. My goal is to see five to eight as the number going to Europe, over multiple trips. We need to keep hammering the step by step plan. This wasn't the end goal. This was only the establishment of a level. You are going to see more things coming from these riders.

The question on many minds is whether you will stay on with the Canadian team after your contract expires in 2012.

We'll go through the next two years and then we'll all talk – all sit down and have conversations with Graeme Thom about what the next level of the future is. A huge part of the success behind the team is having Graeme as our eventing chef d'equipe. Another is the relationship with the team vet Christiana Ober, and Deb Furnace, a stable manager and a tremendous horse woman. The three of us are really together. There is no decision that the three of us don't make together. I have to also mention the contribution of our farrier, Randy Pawlak. He went to Canada to shoe the horses this summer. Together we are all friends, and all a team. One thing I say all the time is that when a person stands on the podium they don't stand alone. The centre is the actual team, then there is the team at Equine Canada – then here at WEG it's tens of thousands because it's all of Canada.

We've heard you have been approached about running for FEI Vice-President. Is that a role you would be willing to take on?

It's being considered but the terms are that coaching for Canada is the number one priority. If I can be useful I will do it but it won't get in the way.

We often hear riders refer to an Olympic medal as the ultimate achievement in sport. Having won World Championship and Olympic medals yourself, do you agree?

WEG is an equestrian stage with a true international level of sport. But at the Olympics you are part of the biggest stage in the world. It comes down to two guys on a field and one of them is going to win. It's the only thing the whole world believes in – and you get to be part of that club. Once you have been to the Olympics you are a believer for life, and it changes the aspect of your belief. It's still the ultimate goal but you have to have things like WEG in your resume.

Many Olympic athletes have a flag or the Olympic rings tattooed somewhere on their bodies. Do you have a tattoo?

No tattoos. My horses are still alive at the end of my driveway. Those are my tattoos – my boys. More than any single moment of success, it ends up being about the stories, about the people. Karen and I have a hallway at home with our trophies (all in one place so you aren't looking at yourself all the time!). Some of the greatest sources of pride in that hallway are the multiple Badminton and Burghley plaques. It's very special to realize you were a player in the game for 15 years. The scope of the work is what you end up being proudest of – not only the gold medal but the multiple wins on multiple horses.

I hope that means you will stick around the Canadians for a while so that you can add coaching Canada to multiple medals to your body of work.

Call for Nominations— 2011 Equine Canada Director-at-Large Election

Each year the Equine Canada Nominations Committee has the responsibility of presenting a slate of candidates to the membership for the election of a Director-at-Large. The 13-member Equine Canada Board of Directors consists of three Director-at-Large positions, which are elected by the membership. One Director-at-Large position is elected each year and serves a three-year term. The other positions on the Board are elected through each of the four councils (Breeds and Industry, Provincial, Recreation and Sport).

Nomination forms for the 2011 Director-at-Large can be found on the Equine Canada website (www.equinecanada.ca) or by phoning 613-248-3433 ext. 130. Completed forms must be received in the national office, along with the nominee's biographical information and picture, no later than 4 p.m. EST on November 26, 2010, by e-mail, mail or fax in order to be eligible for consideration by the Nominations Committee and to meet publication deadlines to the Equine Canada membership.

The Nominations Committee is composed of a Chair who is appointed by the Board of Directors, and one member from each of the four Equine Canada division councils — Sport, Provinces, Breeds & Industry and Recreation.

Once the Nomination Committee has selected the approved candidates, eligible Equine Canada members will begin the voting process. Members of Equine Canada who are in good standing are eligible to vote for the Director-at-Large position, provided that the individual is 18 years of age or older in the year of election. Registration forms and voters package will be made available electronically and by mail by Friday, December 10, 2010. If you wish to vote for the 2011 Director-at-Large, please visit the Equine Canada website and complete and submit the online Registration to Vote Form before the January 7, 2011 deadline. The voting will close January 13, 2011.

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The successful candidate will be announced to the membership at the Equine Canada Annual General Meeting, February 7, 2011, as part of the 2011 Convention to be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario.



OMEGA ALPHA CANADIAN EVENT 'Horse of the Month'

Canadian Eventing has launched a new horse recognition program to celebrate the achievements of Canadian owned horses that represent Canada in North American competition. Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals, the generous supporter of this new horse recognition program, provides each owner of the "Horse of the Month" with a gift certificate of \$200 towards the purchase of the Omega Alpha products of their choice.

"At Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals, our main focus is to create natural health products that support the well being of both human and equine athletes," said Patti Hanco of Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc. "Our partnership with Canadian Eventing allows us to be a part of the development of many educational programs intended to benefit the health of these athletes while contributing something sustainable to the eventing community overall."

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JULY – GIN & JUICE

PGin & Juice is co-owned by Canadian Olympian Hawley Bennett-Awad and American Linda Paine. Ridden by Bennett-Awad, the 10-year-old bay Thoroughbred mare finished fourth in the CIC3*-W division at the Event at Rebecca Farm held July 21-25, 2010 in Kalispell, MT.

Bennett-Awad of Langley, BC, and Gin & Juice were sitting in fifth place after dressage with a score of 49.6. The pair jumped clear adding just six time penalties cross-country moving them up into third place. Eight faults in the jumping round dropped them just one spot to finish fourth with a final score of 63.6.

"Ginny has really come along this year with great results at Galloway Downs, Rolex and now at Rebecca Farm," said Bennett. "I would like to give a big thank you to Omega Alpha for being such generous sponsors of not only the Canadian Event Horse of the Month Award but also of the entire Canadian Eventing Team. All my horses are thriving on their products."

Cealy Tetley



AUGUST – COLOMBO

Ridden by Selena O’Hanlon of Elgin, ON and co-owned by Elaine and Michael Davies of Kingston, ON, Colombo finished first in the CIC3* division at the Richland Park Horse Trials held August 26-29 in Richland, MI.

Colombo and O’Hanlon were tied for third following the dressage test, scoring 50.80. A fault-free performance on cross country over the Ian Stark-designed course kept the pair in third spot heading in to show jumping. They navigated Richard Jeffrey’s show jumping course without a fault and completed as the only pair in the CIC 3* division to finish on their dressage score.

“Colombo’s success is due to the efforts of his fantastic team of Selena and her mother, Morag O’Hanlon; his groom, Pam Nunn; home vet, Mark Rutherford; and the team coach, vets, farriers and the other therapists who have kept him sound and happy at this age and level,” said Elaine Davies of her 15-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding. “It means the culmination of hours of dedication, hard work and sacrifices on the part of Morag and Selena who recognized his potential, and had the horse savvy to bring out the best in him.”

SEPTEMBER – ALL SIX WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES HORSES

The Canadian Eventing Committee has named all six Canadian horses that competed at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY, from September 30 to October 3, as the Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc. Canadian Event Horses of the Month for September.

The horses are Port Authority, a 12-year-old Canadian-bred Selle Français/Thoroughbred gelding co-owned by rider Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch and her mother, Patricia Bosch; Colombo, Elaine and Michael Davies’ 15-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding, ridden by Selena O’Hanlon; Exponential, a 12-year-old bay Canadian Thoroughbred gelding owned and ridden by Jessica Phoenix; Gin & Juice, a 10-year-old bay American Thoroughbred mare owned by her rider Hawley Bennett-Awad and Linda Paine; Riddle Master, Caroline Bazley’s Canadian-bred nine-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, ridden by Rebecca Howard; and Madison Park, a 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding owned by his rider Kyle Carter and Jennifer Carter.

The Canadian Team won the Silver Medal. This result was not only Canada’s first eventing team medal at a World Championships in 32 years, but also qualified the Canadian Eventing Team for the 2012 London Olympics.

The six Canadians produced a record-breaking cross country performance by all completing the Mike Etherington-Smith-designed course with no jumping penalties. Three of the Canadian Team horses also finished within the tight time allowed, while the other three added minimal time penalties.

“Now that the WEG experience is over, we are all enjoying looking back at such a fantastic result,” said Canadian Eventing Team chef d’équipe, Graeme Thom. “So many names and faces made up our Canadian squad and we are fortunate to have a fantastic group of owners whose enthusiasm and support contributed greatly in motivating our riders and support team. Our owners’ love of their horses and their commitment to competitive success is what helped us reach the podium. We cannot thank them enough.”



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O'HANLON AND RHODES-BOSCH VICTORIOUS at Richland Park Horse Trials



O'Hanlon & Colombo

gelding, finished just behind Phoenix in 18th with a final score of 72.20. Micheline Jordan who currently resides in Ocala, FL, finished in 19th place with her own Irish Diamonds, a 12-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding.

Victorious the Advanced Division B was Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch of Summerland, BC, with her own and Patricia Bosch's Port Authority, a Canadian-bred 12-year-old Selle Français/Thoroughbred gelding. The pair posted another double clear cross country and show jumping to finish on their dressage score of 31.70.

Diana Burnett of Blackstock, ON and Manny, 10-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding owned by Burnett and Eventing Canada, finished with a score of 47.40 for ninth place while Kyle Carter, originally from Calgary, AB, and Madison Park, a 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding owned by the rider and Jennifer Carter, were 10th with a score of 65.10.

Competing in Advanced Division A was Ian Roberts of Port Perry, ON, and the 14-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding Napalm, co-owned by Ian, Kelly Plitz and Tracey Newman. The pair moved up from 15th spot after dressage, and finished on their dressage score of 41.30, which was good for seventh place.

In the CIC 2* division, Frankie Simpson of Orangeville, ON, rode her own Watson's Shelbreen, an 11-year-old Canadian Sport Horse mare, to third place, also finishing on her dressage score of 59.40.

Burnett and Shigatzi, a seven-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred mare owned by the rider and Valerie Eden, added 10.40 cross country time penalties to their dressage score to finish in ninth place with 65.10. Close behind Burnett was Moore, who finished in 10th place, with her second horse, Utah B, her own nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding. O'Hanlon and her second ride, A First Romance, an eight-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding O'Hanlon co-owns with Sean Dennis, earned an 11th place.

Canadian Eventing WEG Squad members Selena O'Hanlon and Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch rode to victory at the 2010 edition of the Richland Park Horse Trials, held August 26-29, in Richland, MI. This competition was designated as an important warm-up for competitors heading for the World Equestrian Games.

O'Hanlon of Elgin, ON, and her 2008 Olympic partner Colombo, a 15-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding owned by Elaine and Michael Davies, won the CIC 3* division. The pair was tied for third following the dressage test, scoring 50.80. A fault-free performance on cross country over the Ian Stark-designed course kept the pair in third spot heading in to the jumping phase. They navigated Richard Jeffrey's jumping course without fault and completed as the only pair in the CIC 3* division to finish on their dressage score.

"Colombo was fantastic from the start. Our dressage was a huge improvement. The cross country had lots to do out there and the ground was quite hard, so I wanted to make the time and jump clean and safe. I was very nervous for the show jumping due to my standing. I was happy it was on grass, because I find he has more energy and is lighter and quicker on his feet when he is not on sand," said O'Hanlon. "He is a fantastic horse and I am very happy for him to have a big win in his lifetime. He is a world-class horse, and has had to put up with me learning as we go. A huge thank you goes to David O'Connor for all of his help."

WEG Team member Jessica Phoenix of Cannington, ON, and Exponential, her own 12-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding, also finished the CIC 3* division in the top ten. The pair added only 1.20 cross country time penalties to their dressage score of 59.70 to finish in ninth place with 60.90.

Peter Barry of Dunham, QC, and Kilrodan Abbott, an 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, owned by the rider and Susan Barry, finished in 15th place with a score of 68.90.

Phoenix and her second horse, Exploring, her own 13-year-old thoroughbred gelding, finished in 17th spot with 72.00, while Danica Moore of Salmon Arm, BC, riding Dunlavins Token, her own 10-year-old Argentinean Warmblood

PETER BARRY TOP CANADIAN

at CCI 3* Fair Hill International Three Day Event

Shannon Brinkman



Peter Barry and Kilrodan Abbott

Peter Barry of Dunham, QC was the top Canadian rider in the CCI 3* division at the Dansko Fair Hill International Three Day Event held October 14–17 in Elkton, MD.

Barry finished in fourth place with Kilrodan Abbott, 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding owned by the rider and his wife, Susan Barry. After dressage, Barry was tied for 19th place in the large field of 45 starters on a score of 62.6. The pair were only one of two CCI 3* entries to finish on their dressage score, moving up 15 places following their picture perfect performances in both cross country and show jumping to finish in fourth place overall.

“Kilrodan Abbott started competing in the Advanced division this year, and it has been an awesome season for us. It is just a privilege to have such a great horse,” said Barry, who finished second with Kilrodan Abbott at CIC3* Jersey Fresh earlier this year. “Fair Hill was a great event. The jumps were very well built, and the course was difficult but doable. The organizers put a lot of effort into the competition and deserve much credit for a well run weekend.”

Micheline Jordan of Ottawa, ON, rode her own Irish Diamonds, a 12-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding to 14th place. American Hannah Burnett and St. Barths won the CCI 3* division with a score of 49.4.

Danica Moore was the top Canadian rider in the CCI 2* division. Riding Utah B, her nine-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, Moore of Salmon Arm, BC, was tied for 37th place following dressage with a score of 59.7. With 7.2 cross country time penalties and a fault-free show jumping effort, the pair finished in 15th place overall, out of 57 starters, with 66.9 penalties.

Diana Burnett of Blackstock, ONm finished in 17th place riding Shigatzi, a seven-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding owned by the rider and Valerie Eden.

American Clark Montgomery riding Loughan Glen won the CCI 2* division with a score of 46.1.

CANADIAN EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY LOSES WALTER PADY

The Canadian equestrian community lost Walter Pady of Rosemont, ON, following a tragic car accident.

When he was still a student, Walter was identified as a talented equestrian during the 1952 pre-Olympic Three Day Trials and chosen as one of the five riders who would be sent from Canada to Helsinki, Finland, as members of Canada's first Olympic Three Day Event Team. Along with Tommy Gayford, Larry McGuinness, Stewart Treviranus and John Rumble, Walter was an alternate rider for the team.

When his interests switched to international show jumping, Walter was also named to Canada's first European Show Jumping Tour in 1954. With his horse Slow Motion, Walter placed among the top riders during stops in England, Ireland, Holland and Belgium.

Walter's contributions to show jumping continued after his competitive career had ended. He was the chairman of the Jumping Team for the Canadian Equestrian Team (CET) and, in the 1980's, he volunteered as the chair of the CET.

“Walter was such a great friend to the broad equestrian community,” said Terrance ‘Torchy’ Millar, chef d'équipe of the Canadian Show Jumping Team. “Among other things, his interests included show jumping, eventing and fox hunting. He was a great leader for our jumping team for many years. Those of us who had the privilege to know him will miss him greatly.”

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com.

CANADIAN EVENTING COMMITTEE

Announces 2010 Election Results

The Canadian Eventing Committee (CEC) is pleased to announce the results of the 2010 elections for Committee members.

For the position of Chair, two candidates were nominated, and an election was held electronically using the system created for the annual Equine Canada Board of Directors election for the Director-at-Large. The successful candidate was Peggy Hambly, who was elected to serve a third term.

The composition of the CEC in 2011 is as follows:

Chair	Peggy Hambly	Elected for Third term 2011–2013
Athlete Development	Martha Griggs	Elected via acclamation for First term 2011–2013
Officials & Rules	Jo Young	Elected via acclamation for Third term 2011–2013
Secretary	Pam Macintosh	Elected via acclamation for Third term 2011–2013
Coaching	Ian Roberts	First term 2010–2012
High Performance	Grit High	Third term 2010–2012
Finance	Kurt Thoms	Second term 2010–2012
Competitions	Julie Johannson	Second term 2010–2012
Congress Vice Chair	Charles Baudinet	Third term 2010–2012
Elite Riders Representative	To be confirmed	Elected by Elite Riders' Association
Elite Riders Representative	Kyle Carter	Elected by Elite Riders' Association
Equine Canada, Manager Eventing	Fleur Tipton (ex officio)	

The CEC welcomes new committee member Martha Griggs of Kettleby, ON, as chair of the Athlete Development Committee. Griggs is a former Olympic and national team member and NCCP Level 3 Eventing coach as well as a member of the task force developing the new NCCP High Performance 1 Coaching certification program for eventing.

The CEC acknowledges, with thanks, the two candidates nominated for the position of Chair of the CEC as well as Jo Young and Pam Macintosh for agreeing to serve another term on the committee.

The CEC expresses sincere gratitude to outgoing committee member Debbie Dorosh (Athlete Development Committee) for her years of voluntary service and commitment to the eventing program.

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