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The 2011 Equine Canada Convention will be held January 22 to February 1 at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa, ON. To receive the Equine Canada Convention rate of \$115 per night, including high speed internet, room reservations must be made by January 7, 2011.

Letter from the Chair



Michelle C. Dunn

The year 2010 is almost over and this is the month that we traditionally enjoy various holidays and celebrations with family and friends, both human and equine. It is also a time to reflect on the past year, the achievements, the goals we met and the goals that need to go back on the 'to do' list for 2011.

Organizations like Jump Canada are no different. Now is the time that we reflect on the past 12 months. Last month we talked about our successes in the ring, at Nations' Cup competitions, Young Riders' and Children's events as well as our success at the World Equestrian Games. We have accomplishments

outside the ring as well. Our Board has been very active in 2010, introducing programs such as the Emerging Riders Series and the Jump Canada Hunter Classic Series which cater to a wide variety of members. We have embarked on more international tours than ever before. Our newsletter has been consistently produced and distributed. Our Young Horse Series, which was so strong as an Ontario program, has become active in the other provinces. Officials' clinics have been held across the country and coaching is starting to make progress on its new direction.

One of the most important initiatives this year was the establishment of the Competitions Task Force. This group of volunteers was charged with reviewing the competitions policies and making recommendations for change. The objective of the Task Force was to improve the administration of horse shows for the betterment of the sport and its customers. The task force presentation is now posted on the Jump Canada website – you will find the link in this newsletter. I would urge all of you to read the recommendations and the supporting material and provide us with your feedback. The Jump Canada Board will be voting on the recommendations at the next Board meeting in late January. We would all appreciate your comments so that we may make decisions that are reflective of your needs and opinions.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our ever patient and sometimes heroic office staff for their help this year. Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Jennifer Mahoney and Ashley Raaymakers made all our lives a little easier this year. Thank you, ladies! Thanks as well to the Jump Canada Board members for their volunteer hours and skills – we do appreciate you.

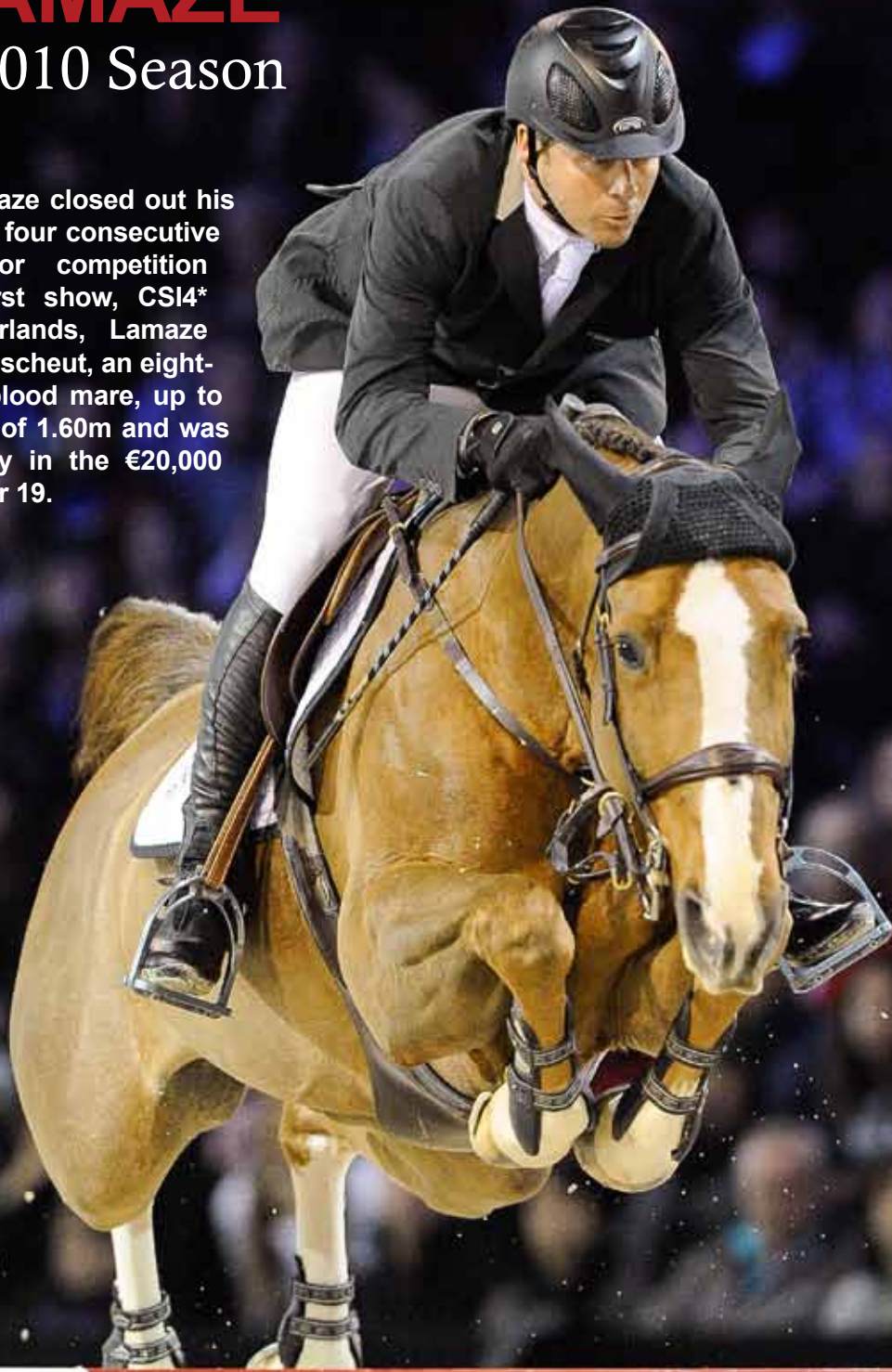
Happy Holidays everyone.

John 'JT' Taylor
Chair, Jump Canada

ERIC LAMAZE

Wraps Up 2010 Season

Canada's Eric Lamaze closed out his 2010 season with four consecutive weeks of indoor competition in Europe. At the first show, CSI4* Maastricht, The Netherlands, Lamaze moved Coriana van Klapscheut, an eight-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare, up to the top grand prix level of 1.60m and was rewarded with a victory in the €20,000 Milcon Prix on November 19.



Coriana successfully stepped up the 1.60m Grand Prix level to win the €50,000 Le Figaro Prix at the CSI5 Gucci Masters in Paris.*

GUCCI



While in Maastricht, Lamaze was named 'Rider of the Year' for 2010 during a special presentation. The 'Rider of the Year' title is given by the equestrian publication yearbook, *L'Annee Hippique*, published in The Netherlands, and is determined by a vote by the members of the International Jumping Riders Club.

Several top 10 placings followed the next week at CSI5* Brussels, Belgium, most notably for Take Off, who placed second in the €20,000 1.45m Prix La Libre Belgique and seventh in the €20,000 1.45m Rolex Speed Challenge.

Moving to Paris for the CSI5* Gucci Masters show jumping tournament, Lamaze continued to dominate, winning the €50,000 Le Figaro Prix on December 3, with Coriana van Klapscheut, owned by Artisan Farms.

"In the last three weeks, she has had to prove herself at the top level," said Lamaze, who had great success with Coriana in the young horse classes in Europe. "I always thought she was a great horse, but now we have asked her to step up to a different league. She has handled it with class."

It was Lamaze's Olympic partner, the great Hickstead, who stood in the spotlight at CSI5*-W Geneva, Switzerland, which would mark Lamaze's final event of the 2010 season. On the final day of competition, December 12, the Olympic Champions finished as the runner-ups in the €200,000 Rolex World Cup Grand Prix. The final results mirrored the current Rolex Rider Rankings as Kevin Staut of France, currently ranked number one in the world, took the victory over Lamaze, currently ranked number two in the world. Staut's jump-off time of 32.50 seconds riding Silvana de Hus gave him the win over Olympic Champions Lamaze and Hickstead, who stopped the clock in 32.65 seconds. Sweden's Rolf-Goran Bengtsson, currently ranked fifth in the world, placed third with a time of 32.88 riding Quintero La Silla.

"It was a difficult first round, and then in the jump-off and it was extremely close," said Lamaze, who collected €40,000 for his second place finish. "It was really, really fast, with three of us finishing within half a second of each other."

On Friday evening, December 10, Lamaze contested the €250,000 Rolex Top 10 Final, which sees the top 10 ranked riders in the world going head to head. Lamaze and Hickstead had one rail in the second round to finish third, again claiming €40,000 in prize money.



“It was fantastic that Hickstead could finish out the year like this,” said Lamaze of his performance with Hickstead, a 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood breeding stallion owned by Ashland Stables and Lamaze’s Torrey Pines Stable. “The past four weeks were really great for my horses, and the young ones got some good experience and exposure. I am really happy with our results, and I think it is great that we are able to have Canadian representation in these important international competitions.”

In yet another special presentation, this one held in Geneva, Lamaze and John Fleischhacker, joint-owners of Hickstead, were named the ‘Owners of the Year’ for a record third time by the Jumping Owners Club. For three years in a row, Lamaze and Hickstead have been the most successful combination in the world of show jumping.



The top three finishers in the €250,000 Rolex Top 10 Final, from left to right, Denis Lynch of Ireland (second), Steve Guerdat of Switzerland (winner), and Eric Lamaze (third).

All of Lamaze’s horses will now be shipped to Florida, with Hickstead having time off to concentrate on his breeding duties. Lamaze plans to start Hickstead back in competition near the end of the Florida circuit and have him fit and ready for the European spring season.

Unsung Heroes

Barbara Mitchell: Jump Canada's 2010 Volunteer of the Year

By Karen Robinson

Her résumé is a full three pages long and contains a list of professional accomplishments so extensive you could be forgiven for thinking one person could not possibly fit it all into one lifetime: rider, trainer, coach, show organizer, facility creator, owner/trainer of Olympic and Pan Am medal-winning horses, chef d'equipe, hunter and jumper judge, clinician, sales agent, show barn manager. Oh, and she also taught school for six years. But that's not all – not even close. Half of that résumé is dedicated to the activities which have earned her Jump Canada's 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award. Barbara Mitchell has been as busy giving back to the community as she has been earning her living in it, and she shows no signs of slowing down.



Michelle C. Dunn
Barbara Mitchell receives the Jump Canada 2010 'Volunteer of the Year' Award from her husband, Jump Canada Chair John 'JT' Taylor.

When Barbara was growing up, her family didn't have the kind of disposable income necessary for riding lessons, let alone ownership of a horse; so she worked her way into the saddle.

"I rode anything I could get my hands on, mucking stalls in return for a chance to ride," she remembers.

As a young adult, Barbara went to teacher's college and also obtained her real estate license, but after almost a decade of teaching high school and then selling real estate, she came to the conclusion that she was missing out on the career she really wanted – to be a professional in the hunter jumper world.

"I got my first professional horse job at Sam-Son Farm in 1973 and I was showing a lot of hunters and open jumpers," Barbara recalls.

Back then, the Regular Working Hunters jumped 4'6". Today's younger riders find it hard to believe that hunters ever jumped fences of that size.

"Cathy Roy and I were watching a show together one day," she remembers. "Cathy's daughter Ryan came over just as I had turned to Cathy and said, 'Remember when we used to show the hunters over 4'6"?' Ryan said, 'You did not!' I have a picture of myself at The Royal over the last fence of a hunter course. It was a big fence!"

When Barbara and business partner Danny Foster started their highly successful Heritage Farms, Barbara found herself spending more time coaching and less time riding.

"I gradually began to hire young riders, such as Jennifer Foster, whom we hired right after she won the Medal Finals. I didn't have to ride any more."

Barbara admits she misses riding, but she is realistic. "If you don't keep going, your nerve goes a little. I wouldn't gallop down to a 4'9" fence today for anything."

She and her husband, John 'JT' Taylor, recently purchased two young hunter prospects, and Barbara hopes that one young gelding will prove quiet enough for her to hack over the winter in Florida.

"I just bought a new pair of chaps at The Royal," she says. "I am determined to ride something this winter!"

As her professional career developed, Barbara became involved with the organizations and programs that have benefited from her ideas and energy over the years. She can remember riding in a clinic with Robin Hahn and George Morris; the clinic became the starting point for the Canadian coaching system. Today, the coaching system owes much of its development to Barbara's dedication as a coordinator, program developer and Level 3 examiner.

From 2000 to 2006, Barbara was President of the Ontario Hunter Jumper Association, and she continues to sit on the Board of Directors. A member of a variety of national hunter jumper committees since the mid eighties, Barbara expresses regret that her six year maximum term on the Jump Canada Board is up at the end of 2010, though she can return to the Board after a one year absence. One year isn't likely to dampen Barbara's enthusiasm; Barbara is passionate about the programs she has helped to develop, such as the Talent Squad and the Emerging Rider programs. She is excited to see the newest program, the Jump Canada Cup Series, develop over the next year.

"These programs are dear to my heart," she says. Working with Lindy Welsby on the Athlete and Domestic Development Committee has been another source of gratification for Barbara. "Lindy and I work very well together, and I'm very proud of our committee. I'm not going away just yet."

One of the most impressive facts about Barbara's volunteer life is its length; she has been sharing her time and knowledge for more than three decades. She admits there have been moments she wanted to quit – moments of frustration caused by people who didn't seem to want to reach the goal.

"I get things done. It's a good thing I work for myself," she says with a laugh. The secret to her longevity in a difficult and often thankless role boils down to a deep love of horses and sport. "I still love it. I can watch horses jump all day."

Of course, she watches plenty of horses jump during the eight or nine weeks a year she judges, the time spent in Florida every winter, and during the hunter/jumper shows she and JT organize through their business, CornerStone Farms.

Being a volunteer, she says, takes the reward to another level. "I get a great thrill of enjoyment working with successful people in the industry. To be part of the creation of a program, to be part of sending that team to Beijing and having them win medals, I felt like I was part of it. When I can't be on the horse doing it myself anymore, it's a way to be a small part of that. It gives you membership in those successes. Being a volunteer makes you feel a little closer to that moment. I guess that's why I do it."

At the 2010 Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala where the annual Jump Canada Awards were also presented, Barbara says she thought JT was going to be named the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

"I was so busy with the Royal. Normally the Board members would all vote on the volunteer award. I said to JT, 'Hey, I never got anything on the volunteer award.' JT said he hadn't heard anything either." JT was on stage in the process of announcing the 2010 award recipients when the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Allan Donnan, interrupted him and said, "We're going to do it like the Oscars." I was sure that meant JT was getting the award and I sat there ready to start cheering."

Donnan handed JT an envelope and asked him to open it and announce the winner. Barbara was astonished to hear her name.

"I was star-struck! I could barely walk up there, and I thought, 'Oh my God, what am I going to say?' I was so excited and honoured. I can't remember to this day what I said."

This wasn't the first award of recognition Barbara has received. In addition to the Ontario Equestrian Federation Millennium Award in 2000, the Ontario Provincial Government made her their Volunteer of the Year in 1991 for her contributions to equestrian sport.

"That one was special because I won over other sports, but I didn't know anyone there," she says. "To win this one in front of all those people in the industry was a highlight. I could quit right now."

Fortunately for Canada's hunter jumper community, Barbara won't be quitting any time soon.

Recommendations from the Jump Canada Task Force

In February of 2010, Jump Canada established a Task Force to examine the current Jump Canada Competition Policy. In particular, the Task Force was asked to look into the policy on exclusivity of dates for Gold shows. In November, at the Jump Canada Board meeting held at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, the Task Force presented its recommendations and research.

A copy of the report can be found on the Jump Canada website at: <http://equinecanada.ca/jumpcanada/task-force-presentation/table/task-force-presentation/>

It is important to note that this is the report of an independent Task Force. While the Jump Canada Board has received a presentation of the report, the Jump Canada Board has

not yet commented, approved or in any way endorsed the report. The Board will reserve judgment, revision and response until it has received feedback from the industry. The Jump Canada Board will conduct an open forum meeting on January 29 during the 2011 Equine Canada Convention in Ottawa. The Board will then meet again to review the report and to consider all feedback received.

We encourage all interested parties to send their feedback to the Jump Canada office via e-mail at news@jumpcanada.ca. Feedback will be sent to the Jump Canada Board members for their consideration.

Jump Canada would like to thank the Task Force members for their work and effort on behalf of the sport.

Ainsley Vince Named CAVALOR 'Athlete of the Month'



Michelle C. Dunn



Ainsley Vince was selected by Jump Canada as the CAVALOR 'Athlete of the Month' for November.

Vince capped off a successful competition season with her top horse, Frieda, by winning the 2010 Jump Canada Series. During a special presentation at Toronto's Royal Horse Show, Vince received the Jump Canada Series trophy, generously donated by Barbara Anderson, and a \$10,000 cash award, sponsored by Jump Canada, to be invested by the rider into a development program intended to support future elite performance.

With Frieda, a nine-year-old German-bred mare owned by The KMA Group, Vince enjoyed consistent results throughout the 2010 Jump Canada Series. Highlights included a second place finish in the \$50,000 Grand Prix at the Caledon National Horse Show in Palgrave, ON, and a third place finish in the World Cup Qualifier at the CSI2*-W Classique Internationale de Blainville in Blainville, QC. At the Halton Place Country Classic I, the pair finished third in the \$40,000 M. Villarboit Grand Prix and, the following week, won the \$40,000 SwissCan Grand Prix.

"I am really excited and honoured to be named as the CAVALOR 'Athlete of the Month' for November," said Vince. "I am also thrilled to receive a gift certificate towards products from Cavalor. They have such a great reputation in the industry."

As the CAVALOR 'Athlete of the Month' for November, Vince receives a gift certificate from title sponsor CAVALOR Inc.

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2011 Jump Canada Calendar Now Available

The 2011 Jump Canada Calendar, featuring Canadian Show Jumping Team members, is now available for purchase.



The 2011 edition of the Jump Canada Calendar includes photos of all Canadian Show Jumping Team members at the World Equestrian Games. Eric Lamaze riding Hickstead, Yann Candele and Pitareusa, Jonathon Millar riding Contino 14, and John Pearce aboard Chianto all have their own month, captured in action by acclaimed Canadian equestrian photographer, Cealy Tetley.

Other Team members with their own pages include nine-time Olympian Ian Millar, Olympic Silver Medalist Jill Henselwood, and western Canadian based riders John Anderson and Lisa Carlsen. Mac Cone, Angela Covert-Lawrence, Beth Underhill, and Kean White are also featured.

In addition to competition photographs, the 2011 Jump Canada Calendar also features a Stable Directory and a 2011 Canadian competition calendar listing, making it a valued resource for competitors and spectators alike.

The 2011 Jump Canada Calendar will look great in any show jumping enthusiast's home, office and stable. Calendars are \$15 each, shipping included, and can be purchased by printing out the order form in this issue of the newsletter, or by visiting <http://www.equinecanada.ca/jumpcanada> or at the Equine Canada e-store at www.ec-store.ca. All proceeds from the calendar sales will fund Jump Canada athlete development programs and activities for riders of all levels.

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Jump Canada Hall of Fame

Profiling 2010 Inductee, Cagney

The fifth annual Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, was held on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at the Liberty Grand in Toronto, ON. Each year, the Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding contributions to the sport. In 2010, six inductees were welcomed into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame. In tribute to the new inductees, we will profile each of them in the The Warm-Up Ring.

Jumper Horse - Cagney



Eric Lamaze and Cagney, pictured here in 1995

Cagney captured the hearts of Canadian show jumping fans with his incredible success partnered with Eric Lamaze.

Bred in Ireland and born in 1980, Cagney was sired by the well-known Irish stallion, Clover Hill, out of an unknown dam. Canada's Doug Henry had purchased Cagney from American Barney Ward, and Lamaze first tried the big bay gelding in September of 1992. Lamaze's long-time supporter, Eddie Creed, purchased the horse for Lamaze, and later syndicated the ownership. When a big offer was on the table and one syndicate member wanted to sell, Creed bought him out so that the horse could stay with Lamaze and continue to compete for Canada. In 1997, Cagney was donated to the Canadian Equestrian Team.

Cagney and Lamaze were first named to the Canadian Team for the Nations' Cup at the 1993 Washington International Horse Show, which marked Lamaze's Canadian Show Jumping Team debut. The pair went on to represent Canada on several victorious Nations' Cup teams, as well as the 1994 and 1998 World Equestrian Games in The Hague, The Netherlands, and Rome, Italy, respectively. Lamaze and Cagney also competed at the 1995 World Cup Final in Gothenburg, Sweden, and the 1998 World Cup Final in Helsinki, Finland.

While Cagney's international career was impressive, he also gained notoriety as a Derby specialist. The Irish-bred gelding excelled over the natural obstacles, and won the Shell Cup Derby at Spruce Meadows in 1994, 1995 and 1999. Lamaze and Cagney also claimed back-to-back Canadian Show Jumping Championship titles in 1995 and 1996.



Juergen von Buttlar (left) and Eric Lamaze (center) are presented with the Jump Canada Hall of Fame trophy by Frank Watt.

In 2000, at the age of 20, Cagney claimed victory in the \$175,000 Chrysler Classic Derby at the Spruce Meadows "North American" tournament. He was retired later that year at the Tournament of Champions horse show. Now 30, Cagney is retired at Beasley Farm in Schomberg, Ontario, next door to Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable.

Long-time trainer Juergen von Buttlar says that Cagney had the most character of any horse he has ever known while Lamaze believes that, to this day, Cagney is the most powerful horse he has ever sat on. In each other, Cagney and Lamaze found a winning partnership.

Ainsley Vince Wins 2010 Jump Canada Series Title

For the second year in a row Ainsley Vince of Milton, ON, was named the Jump Canada Series Champion following the final event in the 2010 Series, the \$100,000 Canadian Show Jumping Championships, which was held November 5 and 6 during the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

With Frieda, a nine-year-old German-bred mare owned by The KMA Group, Vince enjoyed consistent results throughout the 2010 season. Highlights included a second place finish in the \$50,000 Grand Prix at the Caledon National Horse Show in Palgrave, ON, and a third place finish in the World Cup Qualifier at the CSI2*-W Classique Internationale de Blainville in Blainville, QC. At the Halton Place Country Classic I, the pair finished third in the \$40,000 M. Villarboit Grand Prix and, during week two, won the \$40,000 SwissCan Grand Prix. At the final event at the Royal Horse Show, Vince held on to top spot to become the overall winner of the 2010 Jump Canada Series with a total of 217 points. Vince's greatest competition came from Lauren Hunkin of Kemptville, ON, who earned a total of 169.80 points in the 2010 Jump Canada Series riding Larry 0146, a 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding owned by Synergy Farm.

"I am so thrilled to win the Jump Canada Series for a second year in a row with Frieda," said Vince, who also claimed the Jump Canada Series title three years in a row, in 2002, 2003, and 2004, with Catch 22. "She has been really consistent this season. We are heading to Florida now and our goal is to move up to some bigger grand prix competitions in 2011."

Vince was presented with the prestigious Jump Canada Trophy, generously donated by Barbara Anderson of Alberta, on Friday night, November 12, at the Royal Horse Show. Vince also received a \$10,000 cash award, sponsored by Jump Canada, to be invested by the rider into a development program intended to support future elite performance.

Placing	Rider	Horse	Points
1	Ainsley Vince	Frieda	217.00
2	Lauren Hunkin	Larry 0146	169.80
3	David Arcand	Santos Utopia	166.20
4	Ian Millar	Star Power	151.50
5	Hayley Alfonso	Lennox 157	85.00

The Jump Canada Series has proven successful in providing a national jumper circuit with high standards of competition across the country. At the end of the Jump Canada Series, overall standings are calculated using the best six results, plus the final event in the Jump Canada Series at the CSI-W Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.



Jump Canada Series Presentation

Since its inception, the Jump Canada Series has recognized the achievements of such great horse-rider combinations as Beth Underhill and Altair (1999), Frankie Chesler and Ravenna Z (2000), Jill Henselwood and Toyzrus (2001), three-time champions Ainsley Vince and Catch 22 (2002, 2003, and 2004), Ian Millar and In Style (2005) and Margie Gayford and Stuntman (2006), Amy Millar and Costa Rica Z (2007 and 2008) and Vince and Frieda (2009).

2011 Pan American Games

Qualification criteria for the 2011 Pan American Games to be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, is now available at:

<http://equinecanada.ca/jumpcanada/programs/table/high-performance/pan-american-games/>

Margie Gayford Crowned Talent Squad Champion at Royal Horse Show



Margie Gayford and Winston

Margie Gayford of Sharon, ON, won the Jump Canada Talent Squad Final on Saturday, November 6, at Toronto's Royal Horse Show.

Held over two days, the Talent Squad Final competition opened on November 5 with the \$8,000 Alfred Rogers National Talent Squad Series Championship, Phase I, where Gayford and Winston, Wingberry Farm's 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, won the opening speed competition.

Gayford and Winston returned to the Ricoh Coliseum the following day to win the \$10,000 Alfred Rogers National Talent Squad Series Championship, Phase II, with the fastest double clear in a jump-off time of 37.11 seconds. As a result of her victories in both classes, Gayford was named National Talent Squad Final Champion. Gayford was also the winner of the 2010 Jump Canada Talent Squad Eastern Division with Winston.

"I am very pleased with Winston. He knows his job and he is all business in the ring. Anthony D'Ambrosio was the course designer last year as well, so we practiced his style of courses at home this year to prepare," said Gayford, who is coached by her father, legendary Canadian Olympian Tommy Gayford, at home, and by Mark Hayes of Kestrel Farms in competition.

Winner of the 2009 Talent Squad Final, Margot Lefebvre of Stittsville, ON, and Mister Cash van der Veldmolen, her 14-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding, claimed the Reserve Champion title this year. The pair finished in fourth place the first day and was second, behind Gayford, in Phase II during the two day competition.

"It was hard to match last year's performance but reserve champion was as close as you could get. We have really improved over our performance from last year. Mister Cash van der Veldmolen is the most special horse. He is a dream to ride," said Lefebvre.

The Jump Canada Talent Squad Series is a means of recognizing up-and-coming riders who are preparing to enter the grand prix ranks and gives them a platform to demonstrate their ability to become future members of the Canadian Equestrian Team.

Clinics, Clinics, Clinics!!

Jumper Judges' Clinic
Clinician: David Esworthy
Date: January 21
Location: Kelowna, BC

Jumper Judges' Clinic
Clinician: Marj Dennis
Date: January 27
Location: Ottawa, ON

Hunter Judges' Clinic
Clinician: Barbara Mitchell
Date: January 28
Location: Ottawa, ON

Hunter/Jumper Course Design Clinic
Clinician: Chris Brandt and Evie Frisque
Date: January 29 and 30
Location: Ottawa, ON

Please note that the above clinics will be offered in English only. For more information, please visit:
<http://equinecanada.ca/jumpcanada/programs/programs/officials/seminars/>

Nicole Walker Wins Jump Canada Medal Final

Nicole Walker of Aurora, ON, won the Jump Canada Medal Final held during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON, on Tuesday, November 9.

Following the completion of regional and provincial Jump Canada Medal Finals, the top finishers from across Canada were invited to contest the Jump Canada Medal Final Championship at the Royal. Walker came out on top following skillful rides in both the jumping and flat phases aboard SS San Reno, a nine-year-old Argentinean Warmblood gelding owned by Britland Hughes and Chris Sorensen.

"It is a really big deal to win the Jump Canada Medal Final here at the Royal," said Walker, 17, who prepared for the Jump Canada Medal by competing south of the border in the ASPCA MacLay Final at the Syracuse Invitational Horse Show and the USEF Equitation Finals at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show. "I have been working really hard and it is great when it pays off. I really liked the final test, which was really flowing and had a trot and a hand gallop in it."

All of the Jump Canada Medal Championship riders competed over a course set at a height of 1.09m (3'6") that rode forward while incorporating broken lines, tight rollbacks and natural jumps. Out of the 29 starting entries, eight riders were invited back for the flat phase where riders are required to show a sitting and lengthened trot, as well as the three gaits of walk, trot and canter in both directions and a halt. For the final test, the top four riders were invited back for a ride-off over fences to determine the overall placings. Walker was sitting in fourth, but a flawless performance in the ride-off, which included counter canter and a trot fence, a rollback, a jump at the hand-gallop and a halt, saw Walker become the judges' top pick.

"Nicole has been working so hard and has been so dedicated since she was just 12 years old," said Walker's coach, Darcy Hayes. "My own daughter, Quincy Hayes, won two years ago, and now to have Nicole win is just incredible. I have been very blessed with my students."

Finishing in second position was Zoe Beckerman of Toronto, ON, with her own horse, Barrichello DDH. Toronto's Kendra Martenfeld earned third place riding The New Yorker, owned by Christine Biederman, while Miranda Coon of South Surrey, BC, and her horse, Candid Z, rounded out the top four.



Nicole Walker and SS San Reno



Nicole Walker was presented with a Jump Canada cooler and jacket after winning the 2010 Jump Canada Medal at the 2010 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

Jump Canada Medal Championships

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| 1 | Nicole Walker | Aurora, ON |
| 2 | Zoe Beckerman | Toronto, ON |
| 3 | Kendra Martenfeld | Toronto, ON |
| 4 | Miranda Coon | South Surrey, BC |
| 5 | Paige Russell | Cochrane, AB |
| 6 | Vickie Robert | St-Eustache, QC |
| 7 | Rachel Schnurr | Waterloo, ON |
| 8 | Madison McDougall | Langley, BC |

Voting Underway for 2011 Equine Canada Director-at-Large Election

Voting is now underway for the 2011 Equine Canada Director-at-Large election. Members of Equine Canada are eligible to vote for the Director-at-Large position provided that individual is 18 years-of-age or older in the year of election.

Voting may be completed in one of two ways. Members must visit the Equine Canada website at www.equinecanada.ca and either logon using their Equine Canada username and password to register to vote and immediately complete the voting process. If the member does not have a personalized Equine Canada username and password to logon, they will need to contact Equine Canada voting services at nominations@equinecanada.ca and login information will be promptly provided.

The second voting option is to vote by mail. In this case the member must visit the Equine Canada website and complete and submit the online Register to Vote Form before the January 7, 2011 deadline. Once registered, the member will receive an election package and election ballot either by mail, fax or e-mail as per their request. All forms and information regarding this election can be found on the website in both official languages. Voting for the 2011 election will close on January 13, 2011.

The successful candidates will be announced to the membership at the Equine Canada Annual General Meeting, January 30, 2011, as part of the 2011 Convention to be held at the Lord Elgin Hotel in Ottawa, ON.

Please contact Sonia Blanchard by e-mail sblanchard@equinecanada.ca with any questions regarding the 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.

Yann Candele Currently Top Canadian in World Cup Standings

Yann Candele of Caledon, ON, closes out the 2010 season currently ranked as the top Canadian in the North American World Cup League standings.

In Toronto at the Royal Horse Show, Candele collected 10 points for his seventh place finish in the \$100,000 World Cup Grand Prix held November 10 riding Susan Grange's Pitareusa, a 13-year-old mare, bringing his overall total to 56 points. Tani Zeidler of Calgary, AB, is the second highest placed Canadian rider with a total of 47 points. With the best nine World Cup Qualifier results for each rider to count towards the final standings, the top two Canadians at the end of the season will be invited to contest the 2011 World Cup™ Final in Leipzig, Germany, next April.

Candele's top finishes in World Cup qualifying competition include a victory in the \$65,000 International Bromont World Cup Qualifier riding Susan Grange's 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood, Game Ready, earning 20 points. Candele and Pitareusa also finished second, for 17 points, in the \$65,000 Esso Challenge during the CSI4*-W Spruce Meadows "Canada One" Tournament in Calgary, AB.

Consistent results have put Zeidler in the hunt for the second Canadian spot at the 2011 World Cup Final. Riding Loving Dancer, an 11-year-old German-bred gelding, Zeidler enjoyed two top 10 finishes in World Cup qualifying competitions so far this season, including a seventh place for 12 points in the \$55,000 British Columbia Open Grand Prix at CSI 2*-W Thunderbird BC Open in Langley BC. With Ranville, Zeidler Farm Canada Ltd's 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, Zeidler placed third, earning seven points, in the \$75,000 Keg Steakhouse & Bar World Cup Grand Prix in Langley, BC, and finished fifth, for 12 points, in the \$50,000 World Cup Grand Prix at the CSI2*-W Blenheim Fall Tournament in San Juan Capistrano, CA. At CSI2*-W The Las Vegas National, Zeidler and Ranville placed sixth overall in the \$50,000 The Las Vegas Grand Prix for 15 points.

Sitting in third in the standings is Jill Henselwood of Oxford Mills, ON with 38 points while Karen Cudmore, originally of Victoria, BC, currently sits in fourth place with 37 points.

2010/2011 North American World Cup League

As of December 10, 2010

The top two Canadians based on points qualify for the 2011 World Cup Final in Leipzig, Germany.

Western Division

Ranking	Rider	Points
1	Ashlee Bond	133
2	Richard Spooner	84
3	Rich Fellers	69
4	Mark Watring	65
5	Harley Brown	64
6	Susan Hutchison	60
7	Tani Zeidler	47
8	Samantha Buirs	35
9	Eduardo Menezes	29
10	Jennifer Crooks	27
10	Helen McNaught	27

Eastern Division

Ranking	Rider	Points
1	Michelle Spadone	97
2	Beezie Madden	91
3	Margie Engle	85
4	McLain Ward	68
4	Brianne Goutal	68
6	Pablo Barrios	63
7	Mario Deslauriers	60
8	Yann Candele	56
9	Kent Farrington	53
9	Charlie Jayne	53



Tani Zeidler and Ranville



Yann Candele and Game Ready

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