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Dear Members of the Eventing Community,



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What a great year. We are already a good way through the Canadian season and everywhere I look, Eventing seems revitalized. Our landmark international three day event, the CCI Bromont/Todd Sandler Challenge was the best ever. The event celebrated its 25th anniversary with great competition, accompanied by a well-attended and extremely positive Canadian Eventing Officials Education course.

This spring, our high performance riders represented Canada on both sides of the Atlantic including Rolex Kentucky in the United States and Badminton in Great Britain. In early July, Waylon Roberts and Kathryn Robinson flew the Canadian flag at the CIC2* Greenwich Invitational, which acted as the test event for London 2012.

Across Canada, competitors are out in full force. In my home province of Ontario, competitor numbers are showing growth at the Preliminary and Intermediate levels, demonstrating that

our programs are making a difference both provincially and nationally. Junior and Young Riders from Alberta, Quebec and Ontario represented Canada at the North American Junior and Young Riders' Championship in Lexington, Kentucky, at the end of July, bringing home both team and individual medals.

We are also seeing the development of new venues in both the east and the west. Some will be running this year and some will be another year or two in the making, but all are most welcome to the Eventing community.

Congratulations to those riders and horses named to the Pan American Games Squad, and good luck for those still trying to qualify.

Here's to a successful summer, culminating in a successful Pan Am championship in Guadalajara, Mexico, in October!
Enjoy your season everyone,

Peggy Hambly,

Chair, Canadian Eventing Committee

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THREE R'S OF SUCCESS:

Rebecca Howard, Riddle Master and Roquefort

By Karen Robinson



Rebecca Howard

When Rebecca Howard and her first Advanced horse, Big Wave Dave, made the long move from Salmon Arm, British Columbia to the eastern United States the year she turned 21, it was with one goal: to pursue her riding career as far as her talent and hard work would take her.

In 2010, Rebecca proudly wore the maple leaf as she rode as an individual for Canada in her first World Equestrian Games aboard the nine year old Riddle Master. Her 23rd place finish, thanks in part to a clear cross-country round, gave the eventing world a clear sign that Rebecca had arrived at a level where she intended to stay. Her successes since then with both Riddle Master and her two-star horse, Roquefort, have further cemented her relationship with the Canadian team and with the sport at the highest levels.

Her childhood home may have been far from the international scene, but Rebecca had the luxury of growing up with some of Canada's best known names in eventing right in her own backyard. Robin Hahn's Longhouse farm and Nick Holmes-Smith's Chase Creek Ranch were both within a short trailer haul from home. Rebecca counts Holmes-Smith and Joni Lynn Peters – Canada's only Level III coach in both eventing and dressage who is also based near Salmon Arm – as the most important mentors in her developing years.

"It wasn't just their incredible work ethics," she says. "I noticed what all the people around them were like and I learned that was really important."

Like so many talented riders on the continent's north-western fringe, Rebecca understood that if she wanted to reach the international level, she needed to surround herself with people and opportunities that would give her the skills and experience she needed. In 2001, she "joined the freelance equestrian labour pool" of Middleburg, Virginia. The primary motivation (besides shoes for Big Wave Dave and gas in the truck) was the close proximity to David and Karen O'Connor's training program. It wasn't long before she approached and, more importantly, was accepted to take some lessons with David. In 2006, Rebecca moved to Norwood, North Carolina, to become Equestrian Director at The Fork Stables, where she is still based.

When David O'Connor became the Canadian Eventing Team International Technical Advisor in the winter of 2006, Rebecca was between horses. She had continued to tap into David and Karen's training program on a periodic basis over the years, but to have him as the team coach was a new opportunity that she feared she was missing without an international horse. She wasn't without a prospect, however. Riddle Master, who is known as 'Rupert' in the barn and owned by Blithe Hill Nurseries, was a talented six-year-old with few manners and little training when she first got him in 2007.

"At that point I had no idea what he was or what he was going to become," she remembers. "He was just a rogue six-year-old."

That rogue quickly began to show himself capable of more than wild behaviour; it was just three years later that he and Rebecca made their impressive Canadian team debut at the World Equestrian Games. At the 2011 Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event, Riddle Master proved himself again with a tenth placed finish and Canada's second highest result. He was consistent from beginning to end at Rolex, with a solid dressage test and a show jumping round whose single rail Rebecca attributes to having made a roll back turn too tightly. Time penalties on cross-country were pretty much the order of the day when heavy rains turned the footing to glue – glue that sucked off Riddle Master's right front shoe at the very first fence. Rebecca saw the shoe fly through the air and decided to back off her pace and make sure she finished clear and with a sound horse.



Rebecca Howard and Riddle Master



Rebecca Howard and Roquefort

has been a different story altogether for Rebecca and Roquefort. At the two main observation trials for the Pan Am selection committee, Jersey Fresh and Bromont, Rebecca and Roquefort led the two-star divisions from the first halt on centre line to the last fence in show jumping. It came as no surprise that the pair is on the list of potential team members bound for Guadalajara 2011. Rebecca's focus now is on the preparatory training camps and mandatory outings under the guiding hand of her mentor of ten years, David O'Connor.

"I'm very excited for Roquefort," she says. "It's his turn now."

"It was only my second four-star with Rupert," she says. "I'm excited about what the future holds with this horse. I think he's going to be pretty exciting in the next year or two."

Riddle Master isn't the only excitement in Rebecca's life right now. She and Roquefort have just been named to the 2011 Canadian Pan Am Games Eventing Team Squad. Nicknamed 'Rocky,' Roquefort is a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood/thoroughbred-cross that Rebecca co-owns with Jim Cogdell, owner of The Fork Stables. Over the three years that she has had him, Rebecca has struggled to string together a season that felt like a building block for the horse's career.

"He and I have had a 'rocky' road, or at least one that has not been that consistent," she says. "We have not had a consecutive length of time to compete together due to injury to him or me, and some bad luck."

The bad luck includes a rotational fall at the Pine Top Horse Trials in early 2010 that left Rebecca with six broken ribs, a collapsed lung, broken clavicles and a knee injury. But 2011

HAWLEY BENNETT-AWAD TOP CANADIAN AT BADMINTON



Hawley Bennett-Awad and Gin & Juice

Canada was well represented at the CCI4* Badminton Horse Trials held April 21–25 in Great Britain. Hawley Bennett-Awad of Langley, BC, and her WEG team silver medal mount, Gin & Juice, an 11-year-old thoroughbred mare owned by Bennett-Awad and Linda Paine, were the top placed Canadian entry, finishing 41st out of 84 starters with a score of 81.8. Selena O'Hanlon of Elgin, ON, also rode her silver medal WEG horse Colombo, a 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding owned by Elaine and Michael Davies, to a 55th place finish.

Olympic double gold medalist Mark Todd of New Zealand won CCI 4* Badminton riding NZB Land Vision with a final score of 43.6. Piggy French of Great Britain finished second with 45.2 riding Jakata. Mary King earned third place at Badminton, scoring 45.8, with Imperial Cavalier.

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TWO CANADIANS FINISH IN THE TOP 10 AT CCI 4* ROLEX KENTUCKY THREE DAY EVENT

Fellow World Games team members Jessica Phoenix and Rebecca Howard, finished in the top 10 at the rain soaked 2011 edition of the CCI4* Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event, held April 28 to May 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

Phoenix of Cannington, ON, sat in 30th place following dressage with a score of 60.0 riding her 2010 World Equestrian Games (WEG) mount, the 13-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding Exponential. The pair were one of three combinations to complete Derek Di Grazia's cross country course with no jumping or time penalties which moved them up the leader board into eighth place. Phoenix's success continued as she and Exponential also had a fault free jumping round to finish on their dressage score for seventh place overall, only one of two riders out of the 45 member starting field to do so. In addition to her seventh place finish, Phoenix was also awarded The Bank One Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the highest-placed rider who is also the sole owner of the horse.

"Exponential was incredible. I could not have imagined him jumping any better on cross country or show jumping," said Phoenix. "The footing was very challenging on Saturday but he is such an efficient galloping horse that he didn't seem to notice. I am so thankful to have such an amazing partner in Exponential."

Howard of Salmon Arm, BC, partnered with Riddle Master, the 10-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding owned by Caroline Bazley, and her 2010 World Equestrian Games mount, started the competition on a dressage score of 51.7 penalties which was good for 16th place. Adding only 12.8 time penalties on the cross-country course moved them up to 11th spot heading into show jumping. They finished in 10th place overall after incurring four jumping faults for a final score of 68.5 overall.

"Riddle Master was super this weekend," said Howard. "I learned a lot as it was a different experience riding in the wet conditions. I am so excited about what is to come with this horse."

Jessica Hampf, originally of London, ON, and High Society III, a 15-year-old Australian thoroughbred gelding owned by the rider and Carl Hampf, were in 25th position following



Jessica Phoenix and Exponential

dressage with 58.5. The pair added 20 jumping and 21.6 time penalties on cross-country and 12 jumping penalties to finish in 24th place with a score of 112.1.

Rounding out the Canadian entries was Peter Barry of Dunham, QC and Kilrodan Abbott, his own and Susan Barry's 12-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding. Competing in their first Rolex, Barry and Kilrodan Abbott were 35th following dressage and added 20 jumping and 29.6 time penalties on cross-country. They had one rail for four faults in the show jumping round to finish in 25th with 117.1.

Mary King of Great Britain claimed first and second at the 2011 Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event. Riding Kings Temptress, King won with a score of 47.7 and earned second place with Fernhill Urco with 49.7. American Sinead Halpin finished in third place with Manoir De Carneville, scoring 53.1.

HORSE TRIALS PARTICIPATION POLICY – UPDATED FOR 2011

The Horse Trials Participation Policy and Eligibility Guidelines have been updated for 2011. The Guidelines are available on the Equine Canada - Eventing website and in the 2011 Omnibus. www.equinecanada.ca/eventing

Please be advised that it is ultimately the responsibility of the rider to ensure that they are eligible to compete in the division in which they have entered. As per Art D103.4.6, competitors are obliged to list qualifying results on their entry form. Competition organizers/secretaries are strongly encouraged to check that the competitors and horses are entered in the appropriate division.

CANADIANS SWEEP JERSEY FRESH



Hawley Bennett-Awad and Five O'Clock Somewhere



Lisa Marie Fergusson and Smart Move

Canada collected two wins at the CCI Jersey Fresh Three Day Event held May 12 to 15 in Allentown, New Jersey.

Paired with Roquefort, Rebecca Howard easily won the CIC2* division on her dressage score of 52.40. Finishing in ninth place riding Utah B, a 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, was Danica Moore of Salmon Arm, BC, who scored 72.10.

Lisa Marie Fergusson of Langley, BC, riding Smart Move, her seven-year-old Welsh Sport Horse gelding, won the CCI2* division by finishing on her dressage score of 52.10. Hawley Bennett-Awad of Langley, BC was fourth riding Five O'Clock Somewhere, a 10-year-old thoroughbred gelding owned by Bennett-Awad, Susan Church and Kimberly Barron. The pair added only one rail in show jumping to their dressage score for a final of 56.60. Rounding out the top 10 in the CCI2* division was Jordan McDonald and Apple Cider who completed the competition on their dressage score of 69.00, moving up from 27th to finish in tenth place overall.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CANADIAN EVENTING MEMBERSHIPS

Please note that the Canadian Eventing Membership is required for all competitors riding in eventing competitions, this includes all Bronze level competitions. Please ensure that this membership has been purchased prior to competing. If you have not yet purchased your CE membership, you may complete an online upgrade from the Equine Canada website (www.equinecanada.ca) via the sport license renewal system – this method is the quickest and most efficient for the reason that you receive immediate notification via email that the upgrade has been completed and you may use this e-mail as proof of purchase at your next competition. Your new sport license card will be processed the next business day and your omnibus will be sent within two weeks.

The CE membership is not a new fee for 2011; this fee was once embedded in your Provincial Horse Trials Association fees and was moved to EC in 2010.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Sandra de Graaff in the Equine Canada Eventing Department.

REBECCA HOWARD AND ROQUEFORT DOMINATE BROMONT

At the 25th edition of the CCI Bromont Three Day Event, The Todd Sandler Challenge, held in Bromont, QC, from June 9 to 12, Rebecca Howard of Salmon Arm, BC, scored her second consecutive two-star win.

Coming off a win in the CIC2* Jersey Fresh in New Jersey, Rebecca Howard and Roquefort, a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood/thoroughbred-cross gelding owned by The Fork Stables, won the CCI2* division. The pair led the field of 45 competitors from beginning to end. Opening with a dressage score of 47.40 penalty points, Howard enjoyed a clear cross-country ride and added only two time penalties to an otherwise fault-free show jumping round. In recognition of her victory, Howard was awarded The Eaman Perpetual Trophy.

"It was fun, and it is even more fun when you win," said Howard, who drove 17 hours from her base at The Fork Stables in Norwood, North Carolina, in order to compete in Bromont. "I haven't been in this position too many times. It's fun to come to your home turf, where there is so much support. I am so impressed by the event. I was impressed last year, and even more so this year."

Selena O'Hanlon of Elgin, ON, added only four jumping penalties to her dressage score with Foxwood High, John Rumble's eight-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding. The pair finished in 11th place, on a score of 64.30. Finishing 16th was Kelly List of Bracebridge, ON, and her own Smarty Pants, a seven-year-old Canadian Thoroughbred gelding, with a score of 70.20. William Dow of Flesherton, ON, and Midleton, his 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, finished in 29th place while O'Hanlon on her second ride, A First Romance, a nine-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding owned by O'Hanlon and her mother, Morag O'Hanlon, rounded out the Canadian entries by finishing in 31st place.

In the CCI3* division, Kendal Lehari of Uxbridge, ON, was the top Canadian, finishing ninth overall riding Daily Edition, Gwendalyne Lehari's 13-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding. Placing 11th was Micheline Jordan of Ottawa, ON, and her own Irish Diamonds, a 13-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding. Riding Shigatzi, her own eight-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding, Diana Burnett of Blackstock, ON, finished in 14th place.

The top Canadian in the CCI1* division was Moira Laframboise of Orangeville, ON, riding Jan Bigelow's nine-year-old Hanoverian/thoroughbred-cross mare, Dejavu. Sitting in 14th place after dressage, the pair posted clear cross-country and show jumping rounds to finish in second place. Laframboise also received The Bromont Best Conditioned Horse Award, a prize presented to the horse that the Veterinary Commission determined has completed the competition in the best physical condition.



Rebecca Howard and Roquefort won the CCI2 at the 25th annual CCI Bromont Three Day Event, The Todd Sandler Challenge held June 8-12, 2011.*

Finishing in fourth place in the CCI1* division was Shandiss Wewiora of Oakville, ON, and Rockfield Grant Juan, Jorge and Amanda Bernhard's nine-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding. Calgary's Kyle Carter, who was a member of Canada's silver medal WEG team, earned a sixth place finish riding Chesterland's Knockout, an eight-year-old Irish Sport Horse owned by Rachael Isaacson. Canadian Olympian Ian Roberts of Port Perry, ON, placed eighth riding Viper, a nine-year-old thoroughbred-cross gelding that Roberts owns with his wife, Kelly Plitz. Rounding out the top 12 was Erin MacDonald of London, ON, and her own Canadian Sport Horse gelding, Tobias, who placed 11th in the field of 40 competitors.

The CCI Bromont Three Day Event proudly hosts The Todd Sandler Challenge in memory of aspiring young event rider, Todd Sandler of Dollard des Ormeaux, QC. At the age of 18, Todd died tragically in a car accident in 1999 while returning home from the Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event. He was one of Canada's top eventing prospects.

CANADIAN EVENTING CROSS COUNTRY STYLE AWARD, PRESENTED BY BFL CANADA

Thanks to the sponsorship of BFL CANADA, the Canadian Eventing Cross Country Style Award Program is officially launched across Canada in 2011. The national program was officially launched at the CCI Bromont Three Day Event, The Todd Sandler Challenge June 9–12, 2011 where the Open Training and CCI 1* divisions were judged. Jordan McDonald of Oakville, ON, riding Ramble On won the Style Award for the Open Training division while American Ryann Quigley riding Ardfield Rover was recognized in the CCI1* division.

As FEI Safety Officer for Canada Peter Gray explains, “The purpose of the program is to recognize competitors who demonstrate exemplary cross country technique, and also educate riders and coaches as to what constitutes safe riding cross country. The function of the award is to provide feedback for riders and trainers and to recognize and reward cross riding technique. The program was initiated by Ontario and British Columbia Horse Trials and, thanks to the support of BFL Canada, we are now able to expand the program across Canada. We encourage and welcome more provinces and competition organisers to become involved.”



Jordan McDonald and Ramble On



Full details including judging guidelines and forms and a complete list of competitions offering the Canadian Eventing Cross Country Style Award Presented by BFL Canada is available at www.equinecanada.ca/eventing.

WAYLON ROBERTS TOP NORTH AMERICAN AT 2012 LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES TEST EVENT



Waylon Roberts finished in 13th place in the CIC2 Greenwich Park Eventing Invitational held as the equestrian test event for the 2012 London Olympic Games.*

Waylon Roberts finished in 13th place in the Greenwich Park Eventing Invitational CIC2* held July 4 to 6, 2011, at the site of the equestrian events for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

Roberts of Port Perry, ON, was riding Blockbuster III, a 14-year-old bay British-bred gelding that Roberts co-owns with Boogie Machin. The pair earned a dressage score of 55.20 to stand 17th among 39 starters representing 23 nations.

Roberts and Blockbuster III then navigated Sue Benson's cross-country course through historic Greenwich Park, adding 2.8 time penalties to their score to move up to 16th place. Using the Olympic Games system of individual final place scoring, Roberts piloted Blockbuster III over two rounds of jumping, having only the last rail on the second course down, to finish as the top North American competitor in 13th place overall with a final score of 62.

“I loved the competition,” said Roberts, who has been based in England for the past two years. “From the stables to the way it was organized all the way to the last day of jumping, it was a fantastic event. Any improvements will make it even better.

“I will be returning to Canada in mid-August, and hope to bring with me everything I have learned over here,” he added.

Canadian Kathryn Robinson, who currently resides in England, finished in 18th place partnered with Let It Bee, her own 10-year-old German-bred gelding. With a dressage score of 62.40, Robinson added 3.20 cross-country time penalties to her score before posting two flawless show jumping rounds to finish with 65.60.

The competition was won by Great Britain's Piggy French and DHI Topper.

Greenwich Park will be the site for all the equestrian events of the 2012 London Olympics, with the discipline of eventing taking place from July 28 – 31.

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CANADIAN EVENTERS WIN TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL HONOURS AT NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIPS



From left to right: Haley Armstrong-Laframboise, Sable Giesler, Brook Pickering, and April Simmonds won the Team Bronze in the one-star division.



From left to right: Joelle Baskerville, Melissa Boutin, Christian Bennett, and William Dow won the Team Bronze in the two-star championship division.



Sable Giesler and Evil Munchkin won the Individual Silver Medal in the one-star division.

Canada won both team and individual medals at the 2011 Adequan FEI North American Junior and Young Riders' Championships (NAJYRC) held July 27 to 31 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

In the Young Riders' two-star Championship division, Team Canada comprised of Joelle Baskerville of Calgary, AB, Melissa Boutin of Sherbrooke, QC, Christian Bennett of Sutton, ON, and William Dow of Flesherton, ON, earned a total of 237.2 penalty points to win the team bronze medal.

Individually, Baskerville and Malibu, her 10-year-old thoroughbred/Hungarian Warmblood-cross mare, were the top placed Canadians, finishing in sixth place. Sitting in second position on a dressage score of 52.4, Baskerville added only two cross-country time penalties to their score, but two costly show jumping rails added an additional eight penalties giving the pair a final score of 62.4.

Bennett entered the show jumping arena on his dressage score of 56.6 following a perfect cross-country performance with Rolex, a 12-year-old thoroughbred gelding he co-owns with Kaitlyn Bennett. The pair dropped two rails in show jumping to finish with 64.6 for tenth place.

Dow and Middleton, an 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding that he co-owns with Suzanne Dow, earned a 14th place finish. Rounding out the Canadian entries with a 15th place finish in the CH-Y** division was Boutin and Siamese Kat, her nine-year-old Anglo Arabian gelding.

In the competitive Junior one-star Championship division, Team Ontario won the bronze medal with a total of 219.8 penalties. Team Ontario was comprised of Haley Armstrong-Laframboise of Orangeville, ON, Sable Giesler of Powassan, ON, Brook Pickering of Thornton, ON, and April Simmonds of Uxbridge, ON.

In addition to winning Team Bronze, two members of Team Ontario also earned Individual Silver and Individual Bronze medals. Giesler and Evil Munchkin, her eight-year-old Holsteiner gelding, were sitting in third place following dressage with a score of 52.3. With a penalty-free cross-country performance, the pair moved to the top of the leader board. One expensive four-fault rail in show jumping dropped them one place to win the Individual Silver Medal.

Finishing just behind her teammate to claim the Individual Bronze Medal was Pickering and Abbey Rhode, the rider's 13-year-old Trakehner gelding. Sitting in ninth position following the opening phase of dressage, Pickering and her mount added no penalties to finish on their dressage score of 56.7 and claim the Individual Bronze Medal.

Simmonds and Sunday Best, an eight-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding, finished in 19th place overall.

Thanks to the generous support of Canadian Eventing Team supplier Point-Two, this year's Canadian junior and young rider competitors were protected by the Point-Two Air Jacket while competing cross-country.

The North American Junior/Young Riders' Championships are held annually and feature the Olympic disciplines of eventing, dressage and show jumping as well as the FEI disciplines of reining and endurance.



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Brook Pickering and Abbey Rhode won the Individual Bronze Medal in the one-star division.

The Young Riders' Two-Star Championship competitors:

Team Canada – Alberta /Quebec/Ontario Combined Team

Name	Hometown	Horse	Owner
Joelle Baskerville	Calgary, AB	Malibu	Joelle Baskerville
Christian Bennett	Sutton, ON	Rolex	Christian & Kaitlyn Bennett
Melissa Boutin	Sherbrooke, QC	Siamese Kat	Melissa Boutin
William Dow	Flesherton, ON	Midleton	William & Suzanne Dow

Chef d'équipe — Caroline Morshead

The Junior One Star Championship competitors:

Ontario Team

Name	Hometown	Horse	Owner
Haley Armstrong-Laframboise	Orangeville, ON	Ichabod	Moira Laframboise
Sable Giesler	Powassan, ON	Evil Munchkin	Sable Giesler
Liza Igochine	King City, ON	Karla	Larissa Piminova
Brook Pickering	Thornton, ON	Abbey Rhode	Brook Pickering
April Simmonds	Uxbridge, ON	Sunday Best	April Simmonds

Chef d'équipe — Linda Plank

Team Coach — Peter Gray

CANADIAN EVENTING PROVINCIAL DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT 2011 CLINIC SCHEDULE

The following athlete skill development clinics are offered through the support of the Canadian Eventing Committee Development Fund.

British Columbia:

Clinicians: Hawley Bennett-Awad, Lynne Larsen, Sara Sellmer, Rebecca Howard, Lynda Ramsay, Sabrina Levere, Maeve Drew, Ian Roberts, Nikki Ayers, Jeanine Ellingham

March 25/26 Maple Ridge Equi Sport Centre

May 6-8 Johvale Stables, Pritchard, BC

May 28-29 Mary's Farm and Sanctuary, Vancouver Island

June 18/19 Quesnel Fairgrounds and Cross-Country Site

July 27/28 Topline Stables, Salmon Arm

Contact Debbie Dorosh, e-mail: doroshd@shaw.ca

Nova Scotia:

Clinicians: Jen Hamilton, Andrew Wadowski, Alexandra Beaton

June 18-19 Show Jumping American Style

July/August Eventing 101 Cross-Country Schooling Days

Contact Kim Elliott Foster, e-mail: clinics@eastlink.ca

Alberta:

Clinicians: Kathy Wayne, Kathy Playdon

June 11-12 Alhambra Stables, Red Deer, Alberta

July 30-31 Alhambra Stables, Red Deer, Alberta

Contact Linda Cowherd, e-mail pchoney@telusplanet.net

CANADIAN EVENTING NAMES ADDITIONS TO THE SQUAD FOR THE 2011 PAN AMERICAN GAMES



Following the very successful CCI/CIC Rebecca Farm Three Day Event, in Kalispell, Montana, from July 22 to 24, where Canadians took top honours in four of the five international divisions, the Canadian Eventing High Performance Committee announced additions to the Canadian Eventing Squad for the 2011 Pan American Games. Eventing takes place at the Club Hipica and Santa Sophia Country Club from October 21 to 23 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The initial Squad comprised of six horse/rider combinations was named on July 12, 2011. Under the selection criteria, additional horse/rider combinations can be named to the Eventing Squad for the 2011 Pan American Games by the Equine Canada/Canadian Eventing High Performance Committee Selectors prior to August 31. In order to be considered by the selectors, the rider/horse combination must have achieved a Certificate of Capability for the 2011 Pan American Games and would be evaluated according to the conditions described in the criteria.

Winning performances by Jessica Phoenix and Pavarotti and James Atkinson with Gustav at Rebecca Farm earned them positions on the Squad.

Riders and horses currently named to the Squad, in alphabetical order, are:

Rider	Hometown	Horse
James Atkinson	Mountain Road, MB	Gustav, 1999 chestnut Oldenburg/Thoroughbred gelding Owner: Carolyn Hoffos
Hawley Bennett-Awad	Langley, BC	Five O'Clock Somewhere, 2001 bay American Thoroughbred gelding Owner: Hawley Bennett-Awad, Sue Church & Kimberley Barron
Rebecca Howard	Salmon Arm, BC	Roquefort, 1998 black Dutch Warmblood/Thoroughbred gelding Owner: Rebecca Howard & The Fork Stables
Micheline Jordan	Ottawa, ON	Irish Diamonds, 1998 bay Canadian Thoroughbred gelding Owner: Micheline Jordan
Jordan McDonald	Oakville, ON	Apple Cider, 1999 bay Canadian-bred Dutch Warmblood/Thoroughbred gelding Owner: Amanda & Jorge Bernhard
Danica Moore	Salmon Arm, BC	Utah B, 2001 bay Dutch Warmblood gelding Owner: Danica Moore
Selena O'Hanlon	Elgin, ON	Foxwood High, 2003 bay Canadian Sport Horse gelding Owner: John Rumble
Jessica Phoenix	Uxbridge, ON	Pavarotti, 2002 bay Westphalian gelding Owner: Don J. Good

The Squad will participate in a training sessions, preparatory competitions throughout the summer leading up to the final training camp which will take place in October prior to the Games. The final team of up to five rider /horse combinations and alternates will be named in late August.

The team trains under the leadership of David O'Connor, International Technical Advisor. Eventing Chef d'équipe Graeme Thom, stable manager Debbie Furnas, team veterinarian Dr. Christiana Ober, and team farrier Randy Pawlak will accompany and provide support to the team throughout the Games.

At the 2011 Pan American Games each eligible nation may compete up to five rider/horse combinations in the team and individual competition (with the best three scores to count towards the final team classification) Nations which are unable to field a team may send one or rider/horse combinations to compete in the individual competition.

PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES EVENTING COMPETITION

Friday, October 21	Dressage	The Canadian Eventing Committee is grateful to Own the Podium, Sport Canada, the Canadian Olympic Committee and all of its sponsors, supporters, suppliers and friends for their continued support of the Canadian Eventing Team in its quest for excellence. For specific times and competition details and results consult the Organizing Committee website www.guadalajara2011.org.mx or the FEI web site www.fei.org .
Saturday, October 22	Cross Country	
Sunday, October 23	Show Jumping Medal Ceremony - Team & Individual	

EXPONENTIAL NAMED AS 'OMEGA ALPHA HORSE OF THE MONTH' FOR APRIL

Equine Canada has named Exponential as the inaugural 'Omega Alpha Horse of the Month,' based on his seventh place finish in the 2011 edition of the CCI4* Rolex Kentucky Three Day Event, held April 28 to May 1 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Following the dressage phase, Exponential, a 13-year-old Canadian thoroughbred gelding owned and ridden by Jessica Phoenix of Cannington, ON, sat in 30th place with a score of 60.0. The pair was one of three combinations to complete Derek Di Grazia's cross-country course with no jumping or time penalties, which rocketed them up the leaderboard to eighth place. Exponential's success continued as he and Phoenix also had a fault free jumping round to finish on their dressage score for seventh place overall—only one of two riders out of the 45 member starting field to do so.

In addition to her seventh place finish at Rolex, Phoenix was also awarded The Bank One Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the highest-placed rider who is also the sole owner of the horse.

"Exponential is an incredible athlete and probably the best jumper I will ever sit on," said Phoenix, who also rode Exponential at the 2010 World Equestrian Games. "I got him as an eight-year-old that had been off the track for about a year. He had never shown before. We are just coming up with a plan for the fall, and it may include Burghley."

Phoenix added, "I am so fortunate to have such a special partnership with Exponential, and we are honoured to be the inaugural recipient of the Omega Alpha Horse of the Month award."

Patti Hanco of Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals Inc. said, "At Omega Alpha, it has been our pleasure to work with Jessica Phoenix for the last couple of years. Watching their steady progression up the leaderboards at the major North American events makes their finish at Rolex no surprise. Congratulations to Exponential on being the Omega Alpha Horse of the Month."



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Jessica Phoenix and Exponential

The Equine Canada Horse of the Month program was developed to recognize a performance of exceptional merit by a horse from the disciplines of dressage, eventing or show jumping. Equine Canada is very pleased to have Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals' generous support of the horse recognition program. Omega Alpha Pharmaceuticals will be providing the selected horse/rider combination with Omega Alpha product of their choice, up to a value of \$1,000.

FRAMEWORK ANNOUNCED TO HIRE NEW INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISOR

The Canadian Eventing High Performance Committee will be conducting a search for the role of International Technical Advisor (ITA) for its national eventing team immediately following the 2012 Olympics. The current ITA, David O'Connor, will be relinquishing his duties effective December 31, 2012. The new ITA role will begin January 1, 2013.

Out of respect to David O'Connor, the riders, owners and support group, the committee feels that an undistracted commitment to the current program and its goals is the priority.

The High Performance Committee, through Equine Canada, will announce details of the job description and application process either prior to or immediately following the 2012 Olympic Games. The application and interview process will be treated confidentially and the successful candidate will be announced in the autumn of 2012.

A search committee will be co-chaired by Canadian Eventing Team chef d'équipe, Graeme Thom, and Canadian Eventing Committee member and High Performance Committee chair, Grit High. The balance of the committee will be made up of members of the High Performance Committee and the group will be advised by Equine Canada's manager of eventing, Fleur Tipton. Ratification of the search committee's recommendation will be by the Eventing High Performance Committee at large.

RULES

CLARIFICATION - Entry division –Determining the Final Individual Classification.

Even though cross country time penalties are no longer awarded in the Entry division, in the event of equality between two or more, the final classification will be decided as per Art D 302.2 - the competitor with the best cross country test score followed by the competitor who completes the cross country closest to the optimum time without exceeding it followed by the competitor with the highest total of good marks in the Dressage test.

CANADIAN EVENTING COMMITTEE ADOPTS NEW PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REGULATIONS

As a continuing initiative to improve the safety of the sport of eventing, the Canadian Eventing Committee has adopted new regulations regarding the use of protective headgear.

The intent of the rule modification is to require the use of protective headgear while warming up for all tests now — including dressage — and applies to all competitors. The modification also mandates all competitors in the Preliminary division and below to wear protective headgear complying with EC Rules for Eventing Art D114.1.1 while performing the dressage test. Intermediate and Advanced level competitors have the option of wearing protective headgear while performing the dressage test.

Effective May 1, 2011 — Modification to Equine Canada Rules for Eventing Art D 114. DRESS will read as follows:

ARTICLE D114 DRESS

1. Protective headgear.

1.1 Approved protective headgear complying with European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), and Australian/New Zealand tested standards is compulsory for anyone jumping an obstacle

1.2 **The wearing of protective headgear described in Paragraph 1.1 is mandatory for all competitors and non-competitors at all times while riding anywhere on the grounds including in non-competition areas and warm up areas.**

1.3 Failure to wear appropriate headgear or riding with an incorrect or unfastened retention harness shall be penalized by elimination at the discretion of the Ground Jury.

4. Dress

4.1 Dress – Dressage test

4.1.1 Combined Tests and Horse Trials: (Entry through Preliminary) – **Protective headgear in compliance with Art D 114.1.1 - black, or dark colour must be worn. Protective Hat covers if worn must be solid black or dark colour.** Coat- dark colour or tweed, tail coats are not permitted; Shirt –white or light colour with stock and pin or chocker or tie. Gloves dark colour, tan beige or white; Bitches – light colour or white (brown bitches permitted when worn with tweed jacket); Boots – black, dark brown, black with brown top, field. Boots must be long boots in one piece or a full grain smooth leather leg piece and matching leather boot. Jodhpur boots only permitted with appropriate bitches. Spurs are not compulsory. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

4.1.2 Combined Tests and Horse Trials (Advanced and Intermediate) - **Protective headgear in compliance with Art D114.1.1 or Hunt Cap or bowler - black or dark colour must be worn. When tail coats are worn: top hat – black or dark blue permitted. Other dress requirements as above except no tweed coat is permitted.** Shirt - white or light colour stock with pin. Gloves (required) white or dark colour. Bitches – as above. Boots –preferably black dress. Protective headgear may be worn without penalty.

Members of armed service and police forces: service dress with gloves.

Spurs in accordance with Art D114.3 are compulsory at intermediate and advanced divisions.

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