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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Michelle C. Dunn

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is over for another year, and it was a super show as always. This year, the international jumping division showcased several 2016 Rio Olympic medalists, including Olympic champions Nick Skelton and Big Star and U.S. team silver medalists McLain Ward and Kent Farrington. Our own Tiffany Foster competed at The Royal for the first time in 15 years while her Rio Olympic teammate Amy Millar contested the Greenhawk Canadian Championships.

The first weekend of The Royal was filled with youth competitions from ponies to children's hunters to junior hunters. These young riders and their mounts worked tirelessly all season long to be among the top 20 of their peers qualified to compete at The Royal.

Opening weekend also saw the annual Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, take place at the Liberty Grand. This evening is always a festive, glamorous, and fun occasion where the "who's who" of the riding world gathers together to toast their fellow equestrians as they are inducted into the Hall of Fame. This year saw four new inductees, including the first inductee in the

new category of 'Groom'. Marion Atkinson was the very proud recipient of this award, presented to her by Beth Underhill. Also honoured was Canadian Olympian Hugh Graham in the category of 'Rider', and Glen Owen in the category of 'Equitation Horse'. Our own Past Chair of Jump Canada, Elizabeth Bordeaux, was inducted into the category of 'Individual Builder' in recognition of all her contributions to our sport over the years. It was a great evening filled with stories, many laughs, and terrific tribute videos to the winners.

Jump Canada also honoured our own during the Hall of Fame celebrations. We were very pleased to present our 'Owner of the Year' award to the Ziegler family of Artisan Farms for the fourth time. Additionally, the 'Sponsor of the Year' award was presented to the Younger-Millar family for their great support of our younger riders in the Pony Jumper Classic series as well as our new Under 25 program. The Jump Canada 'Official of the Year' award was given to Michel Vaillancourt, a very worthy recipient and one of the top course designers in the world, as proven at the TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games. Finally, our 'secret' award for the Greenhawk 'Volunteer of the Year' was presented to a very deserving Marjorie Dennis for her tireless work as a volunteer in all aspects of our sport. We were delighted to honour Marj with this award.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a special holiday season and hope that you are sharing it with your family, friends, and horses.

Pamela Law
Chair, Jumping Committee

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Currently ranked 21st in the world, Tiffany Foster was honoured with the Whitaker Award, presented to the top Canadian in the Longines World Rider Rankings competing at The Royal.



Canadian Olympian Amy Millar signs autographs for fans.



Craig Collins.



Terrance 'Torchy' Millar and Ireland's Conor Swail.



No one does horse show commentary better! Adam Cromarty, Nancy Wetmore and Jon Garner.



Lothlorien's Lori Green shares a laugh with Ian Millar, who piloted Dixon to his 12th Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship title.



Mac Cone is interviewed for FEI TV following his top five finish riding Gasper in the \$130,270 Longines FEI World Cup™ Jumping Toronto.



Kean White of Rockwood, ON, on the course walk.



David Ballard.



Hyde Moffatt won his way into the international division with a top placing in the Greenhawk Canadian Championships riding Granturo.



Like father, like son. Jonathon and Ian Millar both represented Canada in the international division at this year's Royal Horse Show.



Calgary's Vanessa Mannix represented Canada in the international division.



Erynn Ballard had a busy Royal, competing in both the hunter and jumper divisions.



Brazil's Rodrigo Pessoa, 2004 Olympic Champion, and two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster.



Royal Horse Show Business Manager Christine Reupke with reigning Olympic Champion Nick Skelton of Great Britain.



Like mother, like daughter. Darcy and Quincy Hayes both experienced great success at the 2016 Royal Horse Show.



President of the Ground Jury, Canada's own John 'JT' Taylor.

IAN MILLAR WINS RECORD 12TH GREENHAWK CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Ten-time Canadian Olympian Ian Millar of Perth, ON, landed his record 12th Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship on Saturday night, November 5, at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

Millar returned last in the final round of the Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship on Saturday night, having posted the fastest clear in Friday night's opening speed round riding Dixon. Millar and the 13-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by Susan and Ariel Grange of Cheltenham, ON, repeated their flawless performance in Saturday's two-round final over tracks set by course designer Bernardo Cabral of Portugal.

"It's a lot of stress, that final round!" said Millar, 69, who last won the Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Champion in 2014 riding his London Olympic mount, Star Power. "There's no room for error, and that's what jumping is all about. There was no option but to do what Dixon did. In the years that I've been riding him, I've never jumped him indoors, but it was not an issue for him."

The victory marked an impressive comeback for Dixon following two sinus surgeries that sidelined him earlier in the year and ultimately kept Millar from competing at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Having returned to competition in August, Dixon was back at the top of his game, holding off Mac Cone, 64, of King City, ON. For the second year in a row, Cone earned the Reserve Championship title riding Gasper van den Doorn for owner Mark Samuel's Chadburn Holdings, Inc. The pair finished on a combined total of 1.73 penalties carried forward from Friday night's speed phase, and joined Millar as the only other horse-rider combination to leave all the rails in place over three rounds of competition.

Hyde Moffatt of Brantford, ON, posted two clear rounds in Saturday night's final to finish third with a total of 4.45 penalties riding Granturo, owned by Western Sales & Development.

Having finished second and third behind their father on Friday night, Jonathon and Amy Millar, both of Perth, ON, remained in the top five following the final phase of competition. Jonathon Millar and Bonzay, owned by Isotropic investments, finished on 4.46 penalties for fourth while Amy Millar incurred 8.42 penalties to place fifth riding Heros, owned by AMMO Investments.

Based on their performances in the Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship, Cone and Moffatt moved forward to The Royal's international division. They joined fellow Canadians Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC, Kean White of Rockwood, ON, Vanessa Mannix of Calgary, AB, Erynn Ballard of Tottenham, ON, and Ian and Jonathon Millar, who were all pre-qualified based on their world ranking.



Ian Millar of Perth, ON, won the \$100,000 Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship riding Dixon at the 2016 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.



Hyde Moffatt of Brantford, ON, and Granturo finished third overall in the \$100,000 Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship.



Mac Cone, of King City, ON, earned the \$100,000 Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Reserve Championship title for the second year in a row riding Gasper van den Doorn.

\$100,000 GREENHAWK CANADIAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP – FINAL STANDINGS

	Rider	Hometown	Horse
1.	Ian Millar	Perth, ON	Dixson
2.	Mac Cone	King City, ON	Gasper van den Doorn
3.	Hyde Moffatt	Brantford, ON	Granturo
4.	Jonathon Millar	Perth, ON	Bonzay
5.	Amy Millar	Perth, ON	Heros
6.	Beth Underhill	Schomberg, ON	Count Me In
7.	Kean White	Rockwood, ON	For Freedom Z
8.	Sean Jobin	Toronto, ON	Zindiloma
9.	Jordan Macpherson	Toronto, ON	Aldine
10.	Quincy Hayes	Aurora, ON	Calgary 56
11.	Vanessa Mannix	Calgary, AB	Grand Cru vd Vijf Eiken
12.	Sarah Jane Franklin	Kanata, ON	Canberra PJ

FEI CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC

Jade Fowler, 14, of Priddis, AB, and Jenna Lee Gottschlich, 13, of Edmonton, AB, will represent Canada at the 2017 FEI Children's International Classic to be held in Guadalajara, Mexico, from January 24 to 29. The host nation of Mexico will provide borrowed horses for the event, which sees riders aged 12 to 14 compete in the FEI championship event. Both Fowler and Gottschlich earned their starting positions through the qualifying event held at Rocky Mountain Show Jumping in Calgary, AB, from August 17-21, 2016.



Jenna Lee Gottschlich, pictured here competing in the CET Medal Final at the 2016 Royal Horse Show, will be one of two Canadian representatives at the 2017 FEI Children's International Classic in Mexico.



Mackenzie Clark

Darcy Hayes and Say When on their way to victory in the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby.

DARCY HAYES DOMINATES ROYAL HORSE SHOW HUNTER DERBIES

Darcy Hayes has previously won either the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby or the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby at the Royal Horse Show but, this year, she topped both.

Hayes of Aurora, ON, claimed both victories riding Say When, an eight-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Danielle Trudell-Baran.

"This feels great," said Hayes. "I've won one – either the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby or the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby – with Say When for the last two years, but the second win always eluded me. Now we did it!"

The pair's first victory came in the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby on Sunday, November 6, after they bested a field of 16 of the country's top horses in the Canadian Hunter Derby Series. Hayes and Say When entered The Royal as the leader in the series points standings, giving them the advantage of going last in Sunday's competition.



Mackenzie Clark

Junior rider Sam Walker, 14, of Nobleton, ON, rode Heavenly to a second place finish for owner Marion Cunningham in the \$15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby.

Mackenzie Clark



Darcy Hayes and Say When are presented as the overall 2016 Canadian Hunter Derby Champions.

Riding over a course of natural obstacles designed by J.P. Godard of Aiken, SC, Hayes and Say When earned a score of 90. Judges Brian Lenehan of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Steve Wall of Pinehurst, NC, also awarded ten bonus points to Hayes for utilizing all five of the high options as well as eight handy bonus points, giving her the win with an overall score of 108.

Second place with a score of 100 went to junior competitor Sam Walker, 14, of Nobleton, ON, riding Heavenly for owner Marion Cunningham while Hayes also took third with 99 points riding Crush for owner Cawthra Burns.

Two days later, Hayes and Say When returned to the Ricoh Coliseum to win the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby. The pair earned a base score of 90 plus eight high option bonus points and eight handy bonus points for a total of 106 points. Hayes was presented with the Paddy Ann Burns Trophy as well as the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy as the Canadian Hunter Derby Champion, awarded to the high point horse over both the Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby and the Knightwood Hunter Derby.

"It's always great to win at The Royal," said Hayes. "Everybody is here, and it's the crème de la crème of Canada. Everybody's goal all year long is to get here, and to be successful when we do."

Hayes has had the ride on Say When for four years, and Trudell-Baran also competes the gelding in the Adult-Amateur Hunter divisions.

"He's an amazing horse," said Hayes, who guided Say When to a second place finish in the \$50,000 International Hunter Derby at the 2015 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. "He's probably the nicest horse I've ever ridden. This is the only class he's done here, and he walks right in the ring like it's nothing. He shows up to work, and he always does his best."

Riding to second place in the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby with a score of 103 was Ryan Roy of King City, ON, aboard Bayridge, owned by Doug Bannister. Finishing a close third with 102 points was Erynn Ballard of Tottenham, ON, riding Hide Away for owner Looking Back Farm.



Ryan Roy of King City, ON, guided Bayridge, owned by Doug Bannister, to second place in the \$25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby.

MACKENZIE WRAY WINS 2016 JUMP CANADA MEDAL FINAL



Mackenzie Wray of Loretto, ON, won the Jump Canada Medal Final at the 2016 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

Mackenzie Wray of Loretto, ON, won the 2016 Jump Canada Medal Final held November 8 at the 2016 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON. Wray went head-to-head with 25 athletes representing six provinces who were invited to compete for the national title after qualifying through their Regional Final.

Competing in the Final for the third consecutive year, Wray's partner at this year's Royal was Contact, a seven-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Makim Holdings Inc. Together, they aced the initial jumping round, which featured 12 jumping efforts, including multiple bending and broken lines, a triple bar, a one-stride combination, and a skinny wall which proved to be the bogey fence for the field of riders.

"I was very happy with the first round," said Wray, 17, who has been coached by Erynn Ballard of Looking Back Farm for the past three years. "We talked it out a lot and everything went as planned. Erynn just does her job so well and I love riding with her."

Her smoothly executed round secured Wray's place among the top eight invited back for a flat phase. The group were asked to perform a variety of commands from the judge, including a canter-to-halt transition, three steps of rein-back, and a reverse of direction at the sitting trot.

Wray's poise, position and skill were on display during the flat phase, allowing her to move on once again, this time to a final jumping test for the top four riders. After the announcer relayed the test instructions, Wray had just a few minutes to memorize the shortened course, which included jumping from a trot, counter-canter, and hand-gallop. The highlight of Wray's winning test was her counter-canter to the skinny wall, and she proved to be the only one to land the counter-canter at the previous jump and hold it all the way around the short end of the ring.

"It feels so great to have won," said Wray, who also competed in the CET Medal National Final and the 1.20m Junior Jumper division at this year's Royal Horse Show. "Contact is the best horse. I am so lucky. He just started in equitation this year. He's young and I didn't expect any of this out of him; it's been awesome. He's a very good horse."

Second place went to Emma Seger of Toronto, ON, aboard her own Cohiba. Megan Champoux of Aldergrove, BC, took third riding Brighton, owned by Denise Kinvig, while Allie Sullivan of Vancouver, BC, was fourth riding Aphrodite M, owned by David Robinson.

JUMP CANADA MEDAL FINAL

Placing	Rider	Hometown	Horse	Owner
1st	Mackenzie Wray	Loretto, ON	Contact	Makim Holdings Inc.
2nd	Emma Seger	Toronto, ON	Cohiba	Emma Seger
3rd	Megan Champoux	Aldergrove, BC	Brighton	Denise Kinvig
4th	Allie Sullivan	Vancouver, BC	Aphrodite M	David Robinson
5th	Sam Walker	Nobleton, ON	Acardi du Houssoit Z	Richard Spooner
6th	Alexanne Thibault	Boucherville, QC	Carlos	Alexanne Thibault
7th	Ludovic Richer	Montreal, QC	Grand Slam 3E	Ludovic Richer
8th	Sarah Shannon	Bedford, NS	Alejandro	Sarah Shannon

MEGAN CHAMPOUX CLAIMS 2016 RUNNING FOX CET NATIONAL MEDAL FINAL

Megan Champoux, 17, of Aldergrove, BC, won the Running Fox CET Medal National Final on November 10 at the 2016 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

Having earned a third place finish in the 2016 Jump Canada Medal National Final earlier in the week, Champoux returned to the Ricoh Coliseum for the CET Medal, which featured a total of 16 athletes qualified from four regions across Canada.

Riding Brighton, a ten-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Denise Kinvig, Champoux earned the highest mark of the initial flat/gymnastic phase on November 9, receiving a score of 87 from the judges after completing the challenging test which included changes of lead, turn on the haunches, and posting trot without stirrups, along with jumping from the trot, hand gallop and counter-canter.

"It was really challenging with all of the flatwork, so I just wanted to get it done and I'm really happy with how it worked out," said Champoux, who had also competed in the renowned ASPCA Maclay Medal Finals less than one week earlier at the CP National Horse Show in Lexington, KY.

Champoux and Brighton returned to the ring for the second and final jumping phase on November 10, tackling 14 jumping efforts, including bending lines, double and triple combinations, and a liverpool. Once again, the pair achieved the highest score of the class with 86.

"My horse was a little bit spooky, so I definitely knew I had to ride and get down the lines," said Champoux, whose partnership with Brighton is still fairly new. "I rode him a little bit off and on throughout the summer, but I really took him on before the medal finals and got to know him a lot better."

As the winner of both the flat/gymnastic phase and the jumping phase, Champoux easily earned her spot into the final test to decide the overall championship. The four riders with the highest two-phase scores were invited back into the ring following the jumping phase award ceremony. After receiving verbal instructions, they were required to perform a short course of six fences, with additional challenges including roll-back turns, a trot jump, and a jump from the counter-canter. The last of the four riders to complete the test, Champoux nailed the challenges, executing smooth inside turns and a flawless trot jump and counter-canter.

"It feels amazing to have won and I'm so happy," said Champoux, who began competing in the CET Medal at just 12 years of age and has attended the national finals for the past four consecutive years. "It's been a goal of mine (to win) forever, and it's nice that I got it done."

Champoux also had plenty of praise for her mother and coach, Sarah Champoux.

"I've been riding with my mother basically my whole life," said Megan Champoux. "She has taught me a lot and I'm really grateful to have her. She's my biggest supporter and my biggest fan, so it's amazing to have her behind me to support me every step."

As the Running Fox CET Medal National Final winner, Champoux was presented with a new Luc Childeric saddle by Debra Smith, co-owner of title sponsor, Running Fox. The title sponsor of the CET Medal series and National Final for over 20 years, Running Fox also provided all 16 competitors with a Walsh leather halter, as well as coolers for the top eight.

Assisting Smith in making the presentation was two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC. Foster won both the Jump Canada and CET Medal Finals at the 2001 Royal Horse Show, and returned to The Royal for the first time in 15 years to compete in the international show jumping division.



Megan Champoux of Aldergrove, BC, and Brighton won the 2016 Running Fox CET Medal National Final at the 2016 Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.



Megan Champoux (mounted) and Brighton are presented as the winners of the 2016 Running Fox CET Medal National Final. Presenting are, from left to right: Debra Smith of Running Fox, Sarah Champoux, Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster, Karen Hendry-Ouellette of Equestrian Canada, and Pamela Law, Equestrian Canada Jumping Committee Chair.

The 2016 CET Medal Reserve Champion was Taylor McManus of Langley, BC, aboard Thiago, owned by Georgia McManus. Third place went to Allie Sullivan of Vancouver, BC, riding Aphrodite M, owned by David Robinson. Rounding out the top four was Jenna Lee Gottschlich of Edmonton, AB, and her own Zidane B.

Designed to provide a skill-building foundation for the next generation of Canadian Equestrian Team members, the CET Medal is an equitation competition where riders are judged on their position and riding style. For more information on the CET Medal series, [click here](#). A complete list of past National CET Medal winners can be found [here](#).

RUNNING FOX CET MEDAL NATIONAL FINAL

Placing	Rider	Hometown	Horse	Owner
1st	Megan Champoux	Aldergrove, BC	Brighton	Denise Kinvig
2nd	Taylor McManus	Langley, BC	Thiago	Georgia McManus
3rd	Allie Sullivan	Vancouver, BC	Aphrodite M	David Robinson
4th	Jenna Lee Gottschlich	Edmonton, AB	Zidane B	Jenna Lee Gottschlich
5th	Dannie Murphy	Charlottetown, PEI	Jaquino	Harvey Equine Ventures LLC
6th	Ludovic Richer	Montreal, QC	Grand Slam 3E	Ludovic Richer
7th	Halle Gainey	Kelowna, BC	In Shock	Asta Torokvei
8th	Ariane Gosselin	Blainville, QC	Karma 3E	Ariane Gosselin

JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES FOUR NEW INDUCTEES

Four new inductees were celebrated at the tenth annual Jump Canada Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at the Liberty Grand in Toronto, ON.

The following four inductees were welcomed into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame, held as part of a sold-out black-tie celebration:

- Groom – Marion Atkinson**
- Builder (Individual) – Elizabeth Bordeaux**
- Rider – Hugh Graham**
- Equitation Horse – Glen Owen**

“It was another wonderful evening of music, memories and friendship,” said Mark Samuel, Chair of the Jump Canada Hall of Fame committee. “The feeling of community in the room was very special. Many thanks to my committee for their tireless creativity and to our sponsors, led by presenting sponsor BMO Financial Group, for their faith and support.”

This year, the Hall of Fame debuted the new category of Groom to pay tribute to the hard-working individuals behind the scenes whose dedicated care for their equine charges plays an integral role in the hunter and jumper industry. Also new was the creation of the Equitation Horse category, which honoured the accomplishments of Glen Owen, a horse that carried many riders to success including Canada’s own Laura Tidball Balisky in the 1980 ASPCA Maclay Medal Final at New York City’s Madison Square Garden.

Elizabeth Bordeaux was inducted into the category of Builder (Individual) in recognition of her countless hours of dedicated volunteer service with the national sport federation, not the least of which was acting as the Chair of the Jump Canada Board for six years.

A veteran of Olympic, World Equestrian, and Pan American Games competition, Hugh Graham was inducted in the category of Rider, and enjoyed recounting his long and storied career with the audience, which included many of his long-time friends and connections.

The Jump Canada Hall of Fame was created in 2006 to recognize outstanding contributions to hunter/jumper sport. To date, 57 champions have been welcomed into the Hall of Fame, including 20 horses and ponies, 27 humans, six organizations, and four teams.

The Jump Canada Hall of Fame committee is comprised of Mark Samuel (Chairman), Jennifer Anstey, Evie Frisque, Muffie Guthrie, Dalene Paine, Phil Rozon, Jennifer Ward, and Nancy Wetmore.



Inducted into the category of Rider, Hugh Graham (right) receives his Jump Canada Hall of Fame award from Seymour and Gloria Epstein of KingRidge Stables.



Elizabeth Bordeaux was inducted into the category of Builder at the Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala, presented by BMO Financial Group, held November 6 in Toronto, ON. She receives her award from John 'JT' Taylor, Past Chair of the Jump Canada Board.



Marion Atkinson (left) was the first inductee into the new category of Groom at the Jump Canada Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Gala, and received her award from Canadian Olympian Beth Underhill.



Two-time Canadian Olympian Tiffany Foster (left) presented Laura Tidball Balisky with the Jump Canada Hall of Fame award for Glen Owen, inducted into the category of Equitation Horse.

CANADIAN SUCCESS STORIES



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ALI RAMSAY

The \$35,000 1.45m Friends of the Royal West, Perron & Partners Cup came down to a closely contested foot race that saw Ali Ramsay emerge victorious riding Hermelien vd Hooghoeve in the October 21 class at CSI2* Royal West. The 25-year-old from Victoria, BC, who trains with Canadian Olympic silver medalist Jill Henselwood was the first to return for the jump-off over the Werner Deeg-designed course. Ramsay and her nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare (Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve x Thunder van de Zuuthoeve) set the time to beat at 33.01 seconds and while seven more entries attempted to catch her time, none could. Kean White came the closest in 33.19 seconds riding Hera van de Kouterhoeve.



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KEAN WHITE - ROYAL WEST

Kean White of Rockwood, ON, sped to victory in the \$35,000 1.45m pandaHAUS Welcome Speed held on October 25 at the CSI3*-W Royal West in Calgary, AB. Twenty-four horses contested the track set by German course designer Werner Deeg with White topping the field riding Carrera van het Westleven Z. White and the 12-year-old Zangersheide mare (Canadian River x Calypso III) owned by Harthill Farm, finished in a time of 70.47 seconds to edge out Chile's Samuel Parot and his mount, JK Horsetrucks Chantilly, who earned second with a time of 71.79 seconds. White also claimed third place riding Hera van de Kouterhoeve.



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JACLYN DUFF

Jaclyn Duff rode Pater Noster to victory in the \$35,000 1.45m Spirit of the West Cup on October 28 at the CSI3*-W Royal West in Calgary, AB. Duff, 29, of Edmonton, AB, and her 14-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Parco x Heartbreaker) were one of nine combinations to advance to the jump-off over the course designed by Werner Deeg. Also qualifying for the jump-off were three horses ridden by Calgary's Vanessa Mannix and two ridden by Kean White, but it was Duff who topped the field with a double clear effort in a time of 42.81 seconds to take the win over White and Hera van der Kouterhoeve with a time of 45.25 seconds.



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HAROLD CHOPPING

Harold Chopping and Basje were recognized with the Equis Boutique Best Presented Horse Award at the CSI3* Tryon Fall VI held from October 26 to 30 in Tryon, NC. Chopping and Basje, a ten-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Larino x Lando) owned by Kendra Bullington, were selected by the ground jury as the recipients of the award, sponsored by Equis Boutique, from among the 51 horses that jogged in the FEI Horse Inspection based on the overall turn-out of both horse and rider. Chopping and Basje's groom, Salvador Navor, were presented with their award by Alex West of Equis Boutique.



Kathryn Gardner of KDG Photography

HAYLEY MERCER

Hayley Mercer of Langley, BC, topped a starting field of seven entries to win the CET Mini Medal held on September 4 as part of the MREC Labour Day Hunter Jumper Show at the Maple Ridge Equi-Sports Centre in Maple Ridge, BC. Mercer, 16, claimed the win riding Robin Hood, an eight-year-old grey gelding owned by Alexandra Armstrong. Second place in the CET Mini Medal went to Tiana Pavan of Port Moody, BC, riding Lady Fiona.

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VERONICA BOT

Veronica Bot topped a starting field of 19 entries representing five provinces to win the \$10,000 McKee-Pownall Equine Services Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper Royal Stake at the Royal Horse Show on Sunday, November 6. The 20-year-old rider from Burlington, ON, riding Quidam's Caprice M, a grey Oldenburg mare owned by AEI Corp., were one of five pairs to advance to jump-off over the course designed Bernardo Cabral of Portugal. Bot sealed her victory as the only rider to jump double clear in the final class in the division.

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JEFF BRANDMAIER

Jeff Brandmaier of Guelph, ON, was crowned champion of the McKee-Pownall Equine Services Junior/Amateur Jumper division at the Royal Horse Show, held from November 4 to 13 in Toronto, ON. Winning the division title was a storybook ending to an exciting year for Brandmaier and his mount Caliana, a 13-year-old bay Rheinlander mare (Come On x Wachter) owned by Knightwood Stables. The pair finished second and third in the opening phases of competition at The Royal before clinching the overall championship title with a fourth place finish in the final phase, the \$10,000 McKee-Pownall Equine Services Junior/Amateur Jumper Royal Stake on Sunday, November 6. Brandmaier and Caliana were the only combination to jump clear in the opening round of all three phases of competition.

Ben Radvanyi
Photography



LAURA ROBERTSON

Laura Robertson of Toronto, ON, rode to a hometown victory on Sunday, November 6, at the Royal Horse Show, winning the \$5,000 Royal Pony Jumper Final for the second year in a row. The class came down to a two-horse jump-off between the 17-year-old and her mount Bloomsbury, an 11-year-old chestnut mare owned by Katie Bowering, and Grace Munro of Wolfville, NS, riding Ever So Clever, with Robertson ultimately emerging victorious in the Royal Pony Jumper Final, presented by William Tilford and Marion Cunningham of MarBill Hill Farm located north of Schomberg, ON.

Ben Radvanyi
Photography



IAN MILLAR

Ian Millar, 69, of Perth, ON, was named the Leading Canadian Rider at the CSI4*-W Royal Horse Show, picking up the Lt. Col. Stuart C. Bate Memorial Trophy in recognition of his consistent performances throughout the ten-day event. The All-Canadian Cup, generously sponsored by Susan Grange and Lothlorien Farm of Cheltenham, ON, was awarded to Millar's mount, Dixon, as the Leading Canadian-owned horse. Grange both presented and accepted the All-Canadian Cup for the 13-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding she owns with her daughter, Ariel Grange.

McCool Photography



KEAN WHITE – THE LAS VEGAS NATIONAL

Kean White continued his successful fall season by scoring victory in the \$50,000 1.50m Las Vegas National Welcome Speed Classic on November 17 at the CSI4*-W Las Vegas, NV. Ireland's Kevin Babington and Shorapur set the time to beat at 66.23 seconds over the track set by 2016 Rio Olympic course designer Guilherme Jorge. Forty horses followed Babington into the Thomas and Mack Center arena, but it wasn't until White entered the ring aboard Hera van de Kouterhoeve, a nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare owned by Angelstone Partners, that the lead changed hands. White posted the winning time of 64.76 seconds.

EQUESTRIAN CANADA VOTES IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC FORMAT CHANGES AT FEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Equestrian Canada (EC) voted in favour of proposed changes to the equestrian Olympic and Paralympic format for Tokyo 2020 during the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) General Assembly held from November 19 to 22, 2016, in Tokyo, Japan.

The FEI created the proposed changes to address the International Olympic Committee (IOC) recommendations within the Olympic Agenda 2020 which call for an increase to the number of countries participating in equestrian sport while staying within the existing quota of 200 athletes.

Some of the driving factors that influenced EC's voting decision included:

- Protecting inclusion of all current equestrian disciplines at Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Avoiding reduction of the Canadian Equestrian Team's presence at the Games, since the new format includes three athletes plus an active reserve (who has the ability to compete and earn medals).
- Backing the effort of the FEI and IOC to increase global representation at the Games.
- Protecting the current format of disciplines at all other major games, including the FEI World Equestrian Games.
- Simplifying the format of equestrian sport in order to make it easier to understand and therefore more appealing to a broader audience.
- Supporting the collaborative approach and open dialogue that led to numerous revisions to the format proposal prior to the vote at the FEI General Assembly.
- Embracing the Olympic format change that will result in five additional team spots for jumping, thereby increasing Canada's qualification opportunity.

"We believe the changes proposed by the FEI will help protect the inclusion of equestrian sport at the Olympic and Paralympic Games by increasing global representation, and making the format more readily understandable in order to attract a broader fan base," said EC President, Jorge Bernhard, who attended the FEI General Assembly in a voting capacity on behalf of EC. "While change is never easy, it is often necessary. In this case, we felt compelled to support a change that has the potential to help bring better understanding and more engagement to equestrian sport."

A total of 107 national federations voted on the proposal. EC was among 96 national federations that voted in favour of the Olympic proposal. Voting against the proposal were Albania, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Latvia, Luxembourg, Monaco, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Romania, and Switzerland. In the Paralympic vote, Great Britain was the only nation to vote against the proposal.

After discussing the FEI's proposal with a broad range of key stakeholders and participating in the final debate session held with over 300 national federation delegates at the FEI General Assembly, EC senior leadership came to the decision to vote in favour.

"It is my understanding that Canada arrived at the FEI General Assembly very well-aware of the positions of our athletes and disciplines regarding the Olympic proposals as detailed earlier in the year," explained Mark Samuel, FEI Group IV Chair and member of the EC Jumping Committee. "Having said that, the role of national federation representatives is not to simply vote a position; that could be achieved through an online vote. Rather, the delegates' responsibility is to participate actively in the dialogue with the FEI and other delegates, negotiate for changes, listen to contrary opinions, learn about issues and amendments, and then to distill all of that into an informed decision for their national federation. I believe that our EC delegates did exactly that."

Terrance Millar, a current EC Board Member who has been a pillar in Canadian equestrian sport for more than four decades and filled the role of Team Leader for the Canadian Equestrian Team at the Rio 2016 Olympics, was also part of the Canadian contingent onsite at the FEI General Assembly.

"Following the London 2012 Olympics, the FEI, as a conduit to the IOC, performed an audit of equestrian sport which made it clear that we need to broaden and evolve equestrian sport or risk one or more disciplines being excluded from the Olympic program," explained Millar. "There has been a lot of discussion involving riders and other stakeholders over the past two years since the need for change was put forward by the FEI at the Sports Forum in 2014. While opinions regarding the vote were not unanimous across all disciplines, as a national federation, EC had an obligation to consider all sides and angles in order to do what was best for equestrian sport as a whole rather than voting based on the collective opinion of any one discipline."

For full details on the FEI's proposed changes to the Olympic and Paralympic equestrian format, including the discipline-specific changes, [click here](#).

LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS



TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of October 31, 2016*

6.	Eric Lamaze	2814	275.	Jonathon Millar	600
21.	Tiffany Foster	2090	289.	Ben Asselin	570
100.	Keean White	1288	291.	Amy Millar	566
131.	Vanessa Mannix	1140	332.	Ali Ramsay	495
156.	Yann Candele	972	336.	Beth Underhill	485
158.	Elizabeth Gingras	965	360.	Kara Chad	455
201.	Ian Millar	792	384.	Lisa Carlsen	410
212.	Erynn Ballard	745	439.	Brian Morton	350
237.	Jaclyn Duff	670	443.	Jordan Macpherson	345
239.	Chris Surbey	665	587.	Nicole Walker	235

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