

REIN FAMILY NAMED 'OWNER OF THE YEAR' FOR 2022

For the second consecutive year, Mark Rein and Tara Dow-Rein have been named the 2022 "Owner of the Year" by Equestrian Canada's (EC) Jumping Committee, the national body overseeing Canadian hunter/jumper sport from the grassroots to the Olympic level.

Rein and Dow-Rein, both originally from the Greater Toronto Area and currently residing in Raleigh, NC, have been long-time supporters of Canadian show jumping sport. They first became involved as owners of high-performance show jumping horses when they invested in Zucarlos, the grey stallion ridden by Jay Hayes at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. With a long career at the international level, Hayes and Zucarlos, a horse that was often remembered for his signature buck while on course, represented Canada in several Nations' Cup team competitions including winning back-to-back Bank of Montreal Nations' Cups at Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 1990 and 1991.

For the past six years, the Rein family have supported Canadian Show Jumping Team veteran, Harold Chopping, who served as the alternate for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. They currently own several grand prix mounts for Chopping including Fast Forward, Gerderieka II VI, and Quadrant 3.

After partnering with Canadian Olympic champion and his Torrey Pines Stable three years ago, the Rein family has furthered its involvement at the international level. Owning 10 to 12 horses at any given time, the Rein family maintains a top string for Canadian Olympian Beth Underhill who rides for Torrey Pines including Nikka van den Bisschop, Mademoiselle-A, Dieu Merci van T&L, and Casino Calvin.

In May of 2022, Underhill made her mark on the world stage by guiding Dieu Merci to a double-clear round in the CSIO5* Nations' Cup of La Baule, FRA, leading Canada to a top three finish, before going on to win the €500,000 Rolex Grand Prix two days later.

In August, Underhill was a member of the Canadian Show Jumping Team for the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Championships in Herning, DEN, riding Nikka van den Bisschop.

The Rein family also owns the Rome Gladiators team that competes at five-star events around the world as part of the Global Champions League. Underhill is only the second Canadian after Lamaze to be a member of a Global Champions League team.

In addition to their support at the international level, Rein and Dow-Rein also support Canadian Brady Mitchell in the hunter divisions.

"Thank you to Equestrian Canada for selecting us for this great honour again," said the Reins. "It was a thrill for us this year to see our horses, Dieu Merci and Nikka, represent Canada internationally in multiple Nations' Cups, the FEI World Championships, and with the crowning achievement of Dieu Merci and Beth Underhill winning the Rolex Grand Prix of La Baule. Harold Chopping also had a lot of success this year in the United States including grand prix wins on both Quadrant 3 and Gerderieka."

The Rein family was presented with the EC Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award on Thursday, November 10, prior to the start of the Big Ben Challenge at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

First introduced in 1995, the "Owner of the Year" Award was created to recognize the exceptional level of dedication, commitment, and generosity that owners demonstrate when supporting Canadian Show Jumping Team athletes.



The Rein family was presented with the EC Jumping Committee "Owner of the Year" Award at the Royal Horse Show. From left to right: Fran McAvity representing the EC Jumping Committee, Beth Underhill, Cassidy Rein, Tara Dow-Rein, Mark Rein, and Karen Hendry-Ouellette, Manager of Sport – Jumping for Equestrian Canada.



Beth Underhill and Dieu Merci van T and L, owned by Rein Family LLC in partnership with Torrey Pines Stable Inc., competing at CSIO5* La Baule, France.