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Endurance Canada Community;

This is E-Bulletin #13, Keeping you up-to-date as best we can!

Send Provincial Endurance news to Jon for the Website
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Adrenalin rising! We're finally on our way - to Kentucky! 16 sleeps (or not!!)

To help you follow along, Jon has set up several 'pages' on our website, under the Canadian Equestrian Team: our own WEG page; various other WEG links; recent information on the course and schedule (this is great - check it out!) - and last, but certainly not least, wonderful photos, bios and horse pedigree analyses of our Canadian Squad!

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A personal thanks to Maura for compiling the riders' background info for us, and to Carl Fudge, new member of our Breeds and Industry Sub-Committee, for his amazing research on the squad's horses - we are finally learning about our 'other half'!

Example - for **APACHE ECLYPSE+**/

"At first glance, this pedigree appears to be an outcross of Polish and Crabbet with a splash of Egyptian blood. Looking at the standard five generation pedigree, there is no in-breeding and the paternal grand-sire is best-known for producing English Pleasure and Halter horses. So, how could this horse be the highest rated endurance horse in this country? When you expand the search by looking at the individuals in generations 6, 7 and 8 and beyond, then the real power in this pedigree becomes evident."

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Leading up to, and on race day, Jon will post updates as he receives them, including photos - thanks to our WEG media accredited 'staff' (Wendy Webb, Mike Merriam and Daphne). The day of the competition you will also be able to follow our horses and riders along the course and through the vet gates - hold times, times in and out, loop distances, etc. - and we'll keep you informed as to where they are in relation to the other teams and riders, as best we can.

Can you imagine this !





I know you all join me in wishing our riders and horses a safe journey to Kentucky and the very best of luck - an experience of a lifetime! And please join me in thanking our officials who have undertaken this monumental commitment and responsibility on behalf of our Canadian Endurance Equestrian Team: Kay Melvin - Chef d'Equipe; Maura Leahy - Assistant Chef; Team Veterinarian - Roxy Bell DVM; Assistant Veterinarian - Stan Alkemade DVM; Team Coach - Kim Woolley. You cannot imagine the hours of work 'behind the scenes', leading up to this huge international event.

During this last year we have received amazing support from new, and continuing, sponsorship, for our international riders, and our sport. We encourage you, in turn, to support these businesses at every opportunity when purchasing 'endurance' products.

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Don and Terry Boscher donated the Canadian Performance Endurance Saddle which was e-auctioned in June, in support of the WEG squad, and we are MOST appreciative. Unfortunately, they are no longer making these wonderful saddles so this one is 'collector's item'!

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Ride season across the country is winding down, with plans already being made for next year's competitions! Terre has updated the national points recently - congratulations to all of you! (Look at you, Terre!)

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Next Endurance Canada Newsletter deadline is November 1st - please send Kat your stories, news, photos - and remember to 'remember' - by recognizing that special person who has played an important role in your 'endurance world' - your 'difference maker'..... We would love to feature another 'ride manager' - without whom where *would* we be?! Ideas?

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Once WEG is behind us, Endurance Canada will refocus on our other important issues; we anticipate a busy couple of months leading up to Christmas. In the meantime, enjoy the last few days of summer and ride on, into the fall!

Daphne



We ALWAYS appreciate hearing from YOU - the Endurance enthusiasts across the country! Our Newsletter editor (Kat) and our Webmaster (Jon) welcome your photos, features and news: please contact them at kirvine@mscnet.ca (newsletters) and rescorla@mail.com (website).

Sincerely,

Daphne Richard
Chair, Endurance Canada Committee
Equine Canada

and remember "TO FINISH IS TO WIN" - Happy Trails to you all !!!

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