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WEG 2010



COUNTDOWN.....

Remember to check the website for current information.....

And check out the blogs!

<http://mauraleahy.blogspot.com/> (Maura Leahy, Assistant Team Chef)

<http://pmd823.blogspot.com/> (Trisha Dowling DVM, alternate squad member)

www.kerrimcgregor.com and/or follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/kerrimcgregor (Kerri McGregor is the Chef de Mission/Team Leader for the entire Canadian Equestrian Team (8 disciplines) at the WEG.)

And send us your 'best wishes' for the riders! endurancecanada@shaw.ca



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ON THE 24th THE FOLLOWING HORSES WILL MOVE INTO THE BARN AT THE KENTUCKY HORSE PARK:

Apache Eclipse (Elroy Karius)

NL Temptation (Gail Jewell DVM)

F. C. Galaxy (Bob Gielen)

RBF Super Sport (Ruth Sturley)

Teese (Yvette Vinton)

Koszaar (Reserve) (Terre O'Brennan)

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 The Alternates are:

Diamond Reo (Gail Jewell DVM)

ZF Mocha (Trisha Dowling DVM)



Don and Terry Boscher
 Canadian Performance Saddles

Following the FEI Veterinary Inspection on Sept. 25th, our Team and Individual will be named

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Kentucky Daily Report - September 20th.

Well, here I sit by the glowing pool of our hosts reflecting on the past 24 hours with my laptop and a glass of wine. Yesterday was fabulous. Roxy, Bri and I went to the Kentucky Horse Park to "see what we could see" while Kay & Maura went to the Chef's meeting. We were able to drive around everywhere and everywhere was a hive of activity. They are still painting fences, if you can believe it!! And Opening Ceremonies just days away. The stables are a long way from the starting gate, but all of the disciplines (with the exception of Para and Reining) will be housed in the same stables - so we may get an opportunity to see some other Canadian Equestrian Team members before long. We drove around the park and looked at the trailers the grooms will be staying in - not exactly The Hilton, but not tents either. Our trailers are quite a bit further from the vetting area than they were last year, so we are still figuring out logistics for moving equipment.

Some things we learned from the Chef's meeting that might help those of you watching the race live: the riders will be wearing gold pinnies. They will be using swipe cards to get in and out of the vet gate. They will be wearing GPS trackers (but we're not sure how these will be used - likely to display rider location on the leader board). The last loop and 1/2 will have light towers, and they have some astronomical number of glow sticks that will be put on the last loop. The terrain is **very** hard (see the bad news later on) because there has been no rain in the past month. We thought we would have some rain, but the forecast has changed and they are calling for 72F on race day. We'll keep our fingers crossed, because it is a darned sight better than the 90F we have been experiencing.

We finished the day with a great Meet'n'Greet BBQ with our hosts and landowners - about 37 of us and 40 of them. What a pile of people! They put on a great show, riding with the Canadian flag flying, jumping demonstrations, barrel racing, and all kinds of other great horsey things. The food was amazing (and plentiful). Alltech came by and gave each of us a little case of beer and a WEG pin. A great evening!

Today was a good news/bad news day. The horses trotted out well at our first vet check of the day. The grooms have all been practicing all of the trot outs and trotting on the wrong side of the horses (practicing the BC trot-outs). Misha & Wendy arrived around supper time yesterday, so Bob finally was not on his own.

This afternoon we had a mock race. We set up a cooling area, two trot-out lanes, and a mock team tent. We started off with some hiccups and lots of questions, but by the time the riders went through their first loop, things were really starting to come together. It has been wonderful to see the team building!! The horses were trying new things (having their temperatures taken in the cooling area), the riders were trying new things (riding with people they don't normally ride with), the crews were trying new things (working without talking). It was AWESOME to watch!!

The bad news is that Carol and Jax parted ways at the end of their ride. We are not sure what happened, but suspect that there were yellow jackets (ground wasps) involved. We brought her back up to the barns and decided she needed to go to the hospital to be checked out. I am so sad to report that cracked ribs, a collapsed lung and possible fractured shoulder blade will be keeping Carol in the hospital for a few days. I am still waiting for Joe & Chrystal to return from the hospital. Everyone has pitched in to look after Jax, Mader & Ruby (the dogs).

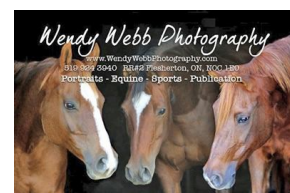
Our farrier, Drew Henderson, arrived today and we put him to work before he could even have a beer after his 9 hour drive. He trimmed and reset Sport, who was forced to take the day off today because we were concerned about his safety until he could have his feet reshod (Ruth has been anxiously awaiting Drew's arrival).

The Team Officials went through the marking process tonight to complete the final evaluations on the short list of riders. We have one more vet inspection at 8am tomorrow morning before we make our decision - the list has to go to the OC by 9am. After the vet inspection we will have one more practice session at setting up the crew tent. After that, everyone has the day off and will likely head over to the Park to see what **they** can see.

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September 21st



Sharon's Cozy Horse Creations



Boy it is HOT!!! We started off the day doing the final team vet inspection before submitting our final list of entries to the WEG OC. With the loss of Carol & Jax, we asked Trisha & Mocha to come and trot out with the rest of the team. It was a very difficult decision completed after a lot of analysis - official results to follow.

After the trot-outs and decision-making, we had a brief meeting with the riders to announce our decision and discuss a few bits of news. We learned that Carol was stable and that what we feared was a broken shoulder is actually a separated shoulder. The doctors commented that because Carol is in such good shape, she is doing much better than someone else in her condition. We have not been able to visit her yet, but Misha and Wendy planned to try this afternoon. Chrystal reported that Carol was in good spirits. Carol gave Chrystal a hard time when a doctor came in with a towel and Chrystal took it from him to give to Carol - "You should have let **"him"** put it on my neck...". ☺

After that we sent the riders away and spent an hour with the crew laying out the crew tent and deciding exactly how it will all be configured on race day. Lots of good ideas and cooperation got us to a great configuration that we think will work very well. Ruth & Ken were able to investigate the crew tent today. We have what seems to be a much bigger tent than last year and it is very well situation - right between the out gate for the vet check and out gate for the next loop. The trotting lanes are perpendicular to the direction they were last year - I guess this is so the spectators can see the red & green lights after the trot out is completed. All we need to make sure of is that nobody uses our tent as a pass-through this year!

We also managed to check out our stabling area and were very disappointed to see that we have the same temporary stalls and tent that we had last year - except that they are located in a better area. It was so hot in there, and there is no electricity to run fans. There are lots of ice machines and lots of wash stalls, so we will make the best of it. There are a few horses already there - the Australians and New Zealanders have already been there awhile. Security is starting to tightening up - our assistant vet, Bri, has still not been able to get her accreditation so she was not supposed to accompany us into the stabling area. Fortunately, some kind soul at the gate area took pity and quietly dropped an access bracelet into her hand and walked away - so she was able to get in with the rest of us.

Bri, Misha, Wendy, Drew, Denise & I were able to steal a few minutes of shopping at Running Bear & Bit of Britain before we headed off to Rood & Riddell Vet Hospital. Bri arranged a tour for us - boy, would my vet kill for a quarter of that place! Denise took a lot of photos so we'll try to post those later.

Now we're just waiting for a few more people to arrive - Nancy Z should be landing soon. Denise's husband, Marcel, just arrived to say hello on his way through for a business trip. A nice relaxing day for everyone. We'll spend some time this evening writing messages and printing out all the good wishes that we have received for Carol so that Chrystal can take them in to her tomorrow.

Kimberley Woolley

Team Coach

Canadian Endurance Team - WEG 2010



WEG 2010 Layover Barn

Another Exciting Announcement!

Gail Jewell, DVM, has been nominated by/for Endurance as the flag-bearer for the Canadian Equestrian Team at the Opening Ceremonies of the World Equestrian Games on September 25th! Other disciplines have also put forward nominees



including Lauren Barwick (ParaEquestrian), Bonny Bonello (Dressage), Ashley Holzer (Dressage) and Duane Latimer (Reining) - all incredible athletes/individuals. We'll keep you posted - should know soon! Congratulations, Gail - a true honour! How proud we are! How well deserved!

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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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