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E-BULLETIN: 25th Sept, 2010 (am)

Endurance Canada Community;

This is E-Bulletin #18, Keeping you up-to-date as best we can!



WEG 2010

- IMPORTANT! we've made a few changes to the WEG 'coverage' layout on the website:
 - Landing Page - in Alltech FEI WEG box you will now find a direct link to RACE DAY! On that page you will also find links to the Daily Reports, Best Wishes, etc. Race day will include info re: vet gate times in and out, etc. and there will be continuous updates found just below the chart, with the topentry being the most recent;
 - If you click on the 'Canadian Equestrian Team' you will find the bios and horses pedigree analyses, with the other links too

Day One - from Daphne On-site!

I have arrived! Ruth Carlson and I flew into Lexington last evening - couldn't quite believe the 'tropical' heat! The Griffin Gate Marriott is lovely - VERY secure (we have some 'important' people staying here - other than the entire Canadian Equestrian Team - like Sheikh Mohammed - they have an entire floor!). Other teams are staying here too - need to get out my 'flag' book and see who they are! When wandering in the hotel lobby it really feels, and sounds, like the world event it is!

I will be heading over to the barns this afternoon - everybody is busy moving into the KHP right now - and will report back later. *Daphne*

Just back from the KHP stables - all looking good! The move from the layover barn went very smoothly, and the horses seemed settled and happy in their new surroundings. The riders and grooms have gone off to the 'Rider Meeting' this evening, and then it's getting ready for the FEI Veterinary inspection/trot-out tomorrow morning, followed by the weigh-in. And then the Team and Individual will be announced! Team photos are scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. We'll try to send you some!

Kim drove me back to the Hotel - with a stopover at the layover barn - really a super spot - and everyone there (the Double M Equestrian Center) (and all the 'ex-pats' in the neighbourhood!) opened their homes and their hearts. Canadian flags everywhere!

On race Day the barns will open at 3:00am for feeding, and then after 6:00 the riders and horses will be escorted to the Start area - about a 15 minute walk. There is an area set up by the Start for warming up. The race begins at 7:30 am, and Vet Gate #4 will close at 18:38. The OC keeps stressing that the ground is very hard, and very slippery - has been so dry and hot here. There will be 18 road crossings during the race - with police escorts - they have put astro-turf and some cinders on these to minimize the risk of slipping.

***Send Provincial Endurance news
to Jon for the Website***
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Don and Terry Boscher
Canadian Performance Saddles

Carol is doing well and will be released from hospital today or tomorrow - such good news! How tough she is! Think she wants to get to see the race if possible....

Just want to say what a great job our officials are doing. The riders are very much appreciating their efforts, including the 'structure' of the past week.

(I just looked outside - it's pouring! THINK this is good news!)



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<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=545473&id=903190410&l=76a9785a0a>

These are some photos I've taken over the past few days.
Denise



Some new numbers, phone numbers had to be added to the endurance list: Terre O'Brennan, who took us literally when we said that everyone must carry their phone at all times - she kept it with her when she swam in the pool at the McConathy Layover barn last night ☺



Sharon's Cozy Horse Creations

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Sincerely,

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Chair, Endurance Canada Committee
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and remember "TO FINISH IS TO WIN" - Happy Trails to you all !!!

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