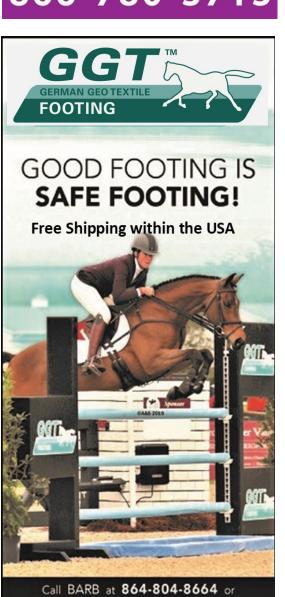
# Show Jumping Lifestyle Markersite

Stuff We All Need to Know

June, 2020







AMANDA at 864-415-2526

www.GGTFooting.com

1-800-287-1738

# THE WORLD OF HORSE SHOWING IS BACK!

Horse shows are opening up again in most states. However, each state, county and city guidelines and approvals take precedent. As each horse show opens, please pay attention to the specific guidelines of that show and help the sport stay open.

#### **Please Follow Guidelines**

June has seen horse shows pop up again, some approved and some just schooling but at least there is activity. As these open, it is vitally important that guidelines are followed at the risk of shows closing again. The sport must lead the way into whatever the horizon brings by adhering to rules and guidelines that will bring our sport back faster.

There had already been one manager who had to send out an email plea:

"We started the week off great, but the last couple days everyone has gotten way too relaxed with the protocol. Please help us finish out our week with following all of the rules that are attached.

#### Some of the main protocols we need to work on:

Wear a face covering or stay 6 feet away.

Only one person on a golf cart or mini bike unless you are with a family member.

You are not allowed to just watch the show, please show and then leave for the safety for others.

Please wear a face covering in the show office.
If there is a storm please take cover in your vehicle. Everyone should not run for the closest tent.

Horse shows all over the country could be jeopardized for the rest of the year if we don't have your cooperation in following these rules. Everyone, please follow these rules! We would appreciate your help."

Just a reminder BUT the reality is competitors must adhere or risk all of the shows





Volume I Issue no. 3



Adjusted Points and Optional
Regionals for 2020
National Horse Show &
ASPCA Maclay
Championships

Lexington, KY - 2020

The National Horse Show announced important changes to the ASPCA Maclay Championships qualification process due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes are in accordance with the guidelines produced by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and are subject to change based on the on-going nature of the pandemic and its effects on equestrian sporting events around the nation.

Effective June 1, 2020, the National Horse Show will implement a 25% reduction in the points required to qualify for the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals due to the outbreak of COVID -19 in North America. Throughout the first 30 days of returning to competition (June 1 to June 30), the NHS will monitor the status of Maclay rider's progress and make any necessary adjustments to the qualifying criteria on July 1. The number of points that riders will need to qualify for the 2020 ASPCA Maclay Finals will continue to be monitored throughout the rest of the qualifying period and may be further modified depending on the situation in each state as well as any other unforeseen circumstances.





**BUSINESS & INDUSTRY UPDATES** 

June, 2020

## 2021 FEI European Jumping Championships CANCELLED

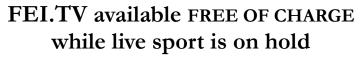
Fei Press release excerpt, May, 2020:

The FEI European Championships in the Olympic and Paralympic disciplines of Jumping, Eventing, Dressage and Para Dressage will not be held in 2021 due to the revised dates for the Tokyo Games next year.

The Hungarian capital of Budapest had been due to play host to five disciplines next summer – Jumping, Dressage, Para Dressage, Driving and Vaulting - from 23 August to 5 September. However, the proximity of the Championships to the rescheduled Olympic and Paralympic Games has meant that it is no longer feasible to run Jumping, Dressage and Para Dressage.

Discussions around other FEI Championships, including the Europeans in 2023, will be held during next month's FEI Board videoconference meeting, which is set for 23-25 June.

The FEI Secretary General has overall responsibility for the FEI Calendar and is currently chairing the eight discipline-



FEI.TV the FEI's online television platform, will be providing all its coverage of past events and special equestrian features free of charge to everyone while live sport is on hold until end of June.

With no live sport, access to FEI.TV will be free and existing subscribers will be compensated for the months of April, May and June. All content on the platform, including VOD, will be freely available to all users who will need to register, meaning that fans can re-live all the action from past events so there's no need to miss out on your fix of equestrian sport.

"Premium content like this usually sits behind a paywall and is normally available only to subscribers, but while there is no "live" sport, we want to give equestrian fans the chance to binge-watch for free during this terrible pandemic", FEI Commercial Director Ralph Straus says.



Wm Stewart Hales, DVM

PO Box 6589, Orange, CA 92863

(714) 771-1818 cell (714) 381-8290

doc.hales@yahoo.com



















Volume I Issue no. 3





#### **US Equestrian Offers Discounted** Lifetime Recordings for Yearling and Two-Year-Old Horses and Ponies

**Lexington, Ky.** - US Equestrian (USEF) is pleased to offer a discount on lifetime recordings for yearling and two-year old horses and ponies. This discounted rate is available from July 1-August 31, 2020

Horses and ponies must be recorded with USEF in order to be eligible to participate in the USEF Awards and Championship Programs. A horse recording is also required to compete in USEF Computer Ranking List Classes and USEF/USDF qualifying and championship classes. The following requirements are necessary to receive the discount:

\*Owner must be a USEF Active Member as of the date of application

\*Only online applications are accepted. To apply, log in to your USEF Member

\*Account and select the Add Horse tile to complete your request.

\*Proof of age must be provided (i.e. breed registry papers).

\*Discount rate is available from July 1-August 31, 2020.

\*Yearling — \$85.00

\*Two-year-old — \$160

For more information, please contact Ken Ball at kball@usef.org.



# Show Jumping

NewsBits

**SHOWS AND HAPPENINGS** 

June, 2020





















#### **NO USA TO EUROPE TRAVEL**

**UPDATE:** The New York Times has <u>reported</u> that European Union officials have decided Americans will not be welcomed when borders reopen July 1.

Most travelers from the U.S. and Russia won't be welcomed because they have not been able to control the spread of coronavirus. Neighbors in Canada will be allowed to visit Europe.

The New York Times originally broke the news back on June 23, suggesting that the European Union was planning to *exclude* Americans when they reopen borders on July 1. The news once again changes the hopes of those hoping for a summer of buying horses in Europe.

The two potential lists being mulled by EU officials are the lists of countries whose citizens will be allowed in, and Americans are not on either list. The two lists were being prepared based on the number of cases of COVID-19 and how well governments are doing controlling the outbreak.

The countries that made the cut include China, Vietnam and Uganda while Russia, Brazil and the U.S. are not. The New York Times says it confirmed the information.

The United States has the highest death toll in the world from coronavirus. According to <u>John Hopkins University</u>, the U.S. death toll is more than 124,000 and the U.S. accounts for more than a quarter of all deaths worldwide.

Transatlantic flights are among the most profitable for airlines and U.S. and European airlines will be seriously impacted if that lucrative business doesn't return sometime this year. Skift senior aviation business editor <a href="mailto:Brian\_Brian\_Bumers">Brian\_Bumers</a> said that it is disappointing news, but not unexpected:

"The United States is not close to having Covid-19 under control, according to many experts, and Europe doesn't want a wave of American tourists infecting its citizens. For airlines, I am sure this is disappointing news, too. By fall, airlines are hoping some business travel will return, including across the Atlantic. If Americans can't fly to Amsterdam or Paris in October to conduct business, that's a big potential problem."



Volume I Issue no. 3





Camelot Events
Camelot is looking
forward to a summer of
Horse Shows

# SUMMER SERIES Step back in time at the Paddock Riding Club

Camelot Summer Show – Aug 2 Camelot September Show – Sept 13

www.camelotevents.com









#### INTERESTS

June, 2020

#### **UNITED ATHLETES** ADVOCATES TEAM

#### **WORKING FOR THE SPORT**

An advisory team of individuals representing the varied equestrian disciplines in California is regularly meeting and developing relationships with county and state agencies. The mission is to assist local governments in opening up horse shows of all sizes and disciplines.

The purpose is to ADVOCATE and present to government entities a future unified voice for development and change for equestrians.

#### **FOR CONTACT:**

WWW.UNITEDATHLETESALLIANCE.ORG



### **CPHA and CPHA FOUNDATION REQUESTING REFERRALS OF THOSE IN NEED**

It is a challenging time for us to ask for financial help but we have so many people that are out of work.

We want to help the most vulnerable at this time, If you know of someone needing help, please reach out to them and get them an application. Applicants need not be a CPHA member but the application must be signed by a CPHA Professional member who is listed on the website.

Please be safe and healthy and be kind to the horses we are privileged to have in our lives.

donation information or for an application for assistence.

#### Trudeau government extends Quarantine order to Aug. 31 for travelers entering Canada

For the majority of people entering Canada, the mandatory quarantine order has been extended by the Canadian government until August 31.

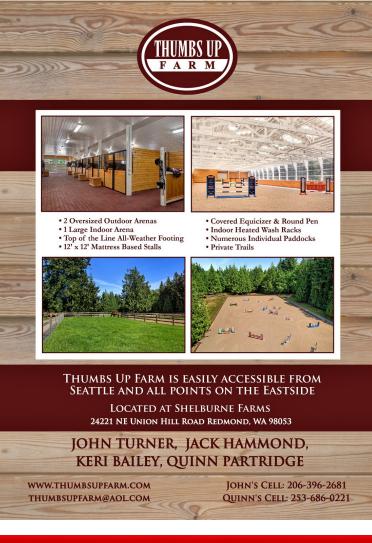
The Quarantine Act order was originally set to expire on June 23 at midnight but was extended. Travelers entering Canada will have to complete 14 days of self-isolation, whether they have COVID-19 symptoms or not.

The updated order also requires travelers to wear nonmedical masks as they enter Canada, by transit, or are making their way to the location where they will be isolating.

Penalties for breaking the order include a fine of as much as \$750,000 or six months in prison. If the person who disobeyed the order caused bodily harm or death by willfully breaking the order—the fine could reach \$1 million.

Those who are exempt from the order include people crossing the border often to ensure the flow of goods and services as well as people entering in order to provide essential services.

CANADIAN NEWS



#### Volume I Issue no. 3





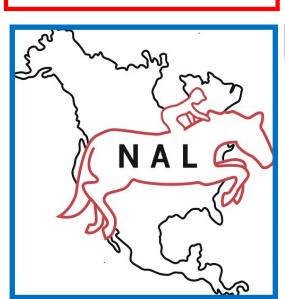








1-800-287-1738



#### First Class Horse Facility | 3863 Cottons Rd, Canastota, NY | MLS #s1242267







- Premier horse complex on 204+ acres completed connected facility - from heated main barn (17 stalls, tack room, 2 wash stalls, laundry and full bath) to exerciser building to arena.
- Stand-alone barn with three stalls, work shop and loft.
- · Centrally located and only minutes from the NYS Thruway.









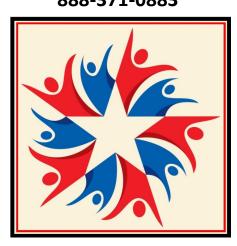


**NEWS NEWS - GOOD AND NOT SO** 

June, 2020

# PACIFIC

**EXPERT LEATHER REPAIRS** www.pacificsaddlery.com 888-371-0883

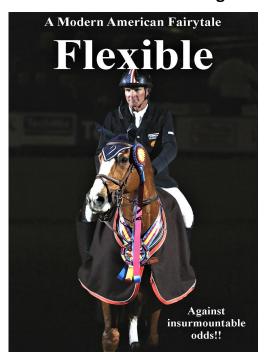






**CPHA EASES QUALIFYING** REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MEDAL **FINALS AND CPHA GREEN INCENTIVE** 

In light of the current situation, **CPHA** has made qualifying for several of their programs. Go to the CPHA website for all the recent news and changes.



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **US Equestrian Releases COVID-19 Competition Toolkit**

Lexington, Ky. - US Equestrian has released its Licensed Competitions COVID-19 Toolkit that features the USEF Action Plan, outlining mandatory requirements and recommended best practices for competition organizers and participants as equestrian competitions prepare to resume on June 1, 2020, dependent on federal, state, and local regulations and restrictions.

Ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of participants and their horses is a paramount priority for US Equestrian. The COVID-19 Competition Action Plan includes key resources and guidelines to ensure competition organizers, exhibitors, and additional stakeholders are able to accurately assess and mitigate risk when at a competition venue.

The requirements and recommendations included in the COVID-19 Action Plan are effective immediately, and will remain in place until further notice; however, the document may be subject to modifications as guidance from the federal government and public health officials is adjusted or updated. In addition, once USEF receives notification of the FEI's Guidelines, an amended document with updates to the current protocol will be issued.

In addition to the Action Plan, the Toolkit provides several resources and tools for use by both organizers and participants to assess the current situations in their respective states, mitigate virus transmission and spread, and assist in the management of risks associated with COVID-19.

US Equestrian will continue to monitor developments, while actively referencing and reviewing updates from the World Health Organization and Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as regularly consult with members and competition organizers as we navigate through our "new normal" together.

To view the Licensed Competition COVID-19 Toolkit, go to www.usef.org



Volume I Issue no. 3



**Onsite Emergency/Urgent Care** Concierge medical service for the **Equestrian Community.** 

WATCH FOR THE NEW **MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT** WHEN SHOWS RESUME



Onsite EM Physician with an ATLS certified RN to aid with more complex injuries requiring ambulance transport

local hospitals.

Services provided but not limited to: \*Basic medical care

\*Wound care: laceration repair etc, with follow up visits for wound checks and suture or staple removal.

\*Minor fracture care with setting of simple fractures/ dislocations and splint placement

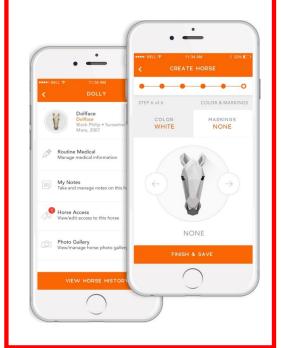
\*IV fluid hydration for dehydration

General physical exams, cholesterol, complete blood count kidney and liver function, cardiac checkup.

Onsite dispensing of non-controlled medications such as antibiotics, pain relief, muscle relaxers, treatment of pain, nausea and dizziness.

## **PonyApp**

## The Business of Horses



# Show Jumping

# NewsBits

#### **PROGRAMS and BUSINESS**

June, 2020 Volume I Issue no. 3

#### **USHJA - ZONE 10**

Mark your calendar for these Zone 10 Championships:

#### **Stirrup Cup Championship**

Aug. 28-30, Gold Coast Labor Day, Burbank, Calif.

## Zone 10 Medal Challenge South,

Oct. 15-18, Gold Coast October Horse Show, Burbank, Calif.

## Horse of the Year Jumper & Equitation Championship,

Nov. 19-22, Autumn Jubilee, Burbank, Calif

# Sporting Antiques Roxbury, CT

(917) 796-5815 sportingantiques@aol.com

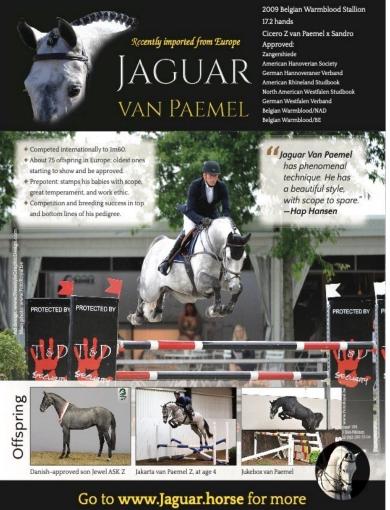
BEAUTIFUL ANTIQUES AND MEMORABILIA











# *i*JUMP SPORTS









Just wanting everyone out there to stay safe and adhere to guidelines as we return to shows.

Leslie and everyone at Acres West











#### **ORGANIZATION UPDATES**

June, 2020



## **Never Under Estimate** One Voice

United Athletes Alliance is an active working, volunteer group and is concerned with all aspects of what occurs in sports, and the risk athletes or owners accept in being involved in any part of competitive sports. Athletes love their sports! Coaches and trainers commit their lives and knowledge to the specific sport they are involved in. Without the commitment of these people, sports cannot survive and it certainty cannot thrive.

Without the influence of sports and the impact of either just being involved and/or winning and losing, young lives struggle to find their way to adulthood. While sports is not the 'end all', sports are a vital part of learning and growing.

#### **United Athletes Alliance is** committed to being a voice in the following:

- 1) Fair sport rules and regulations.
- 2) Fair sport processes in oversight.
- 3) Fair sport processes protecting against any inappropriate, dangerous or illegal activity.
- 4) Fair sport oversight in horse safety and wellbeing.
- 5) Fair sport protections for abused youth.
- 6) Fair sport protections for accused athletes.
- 7) Fair sport protections for athletes or participants who face false accusations.
- 8) Fair sport investigation and prosecution for false accusers.
- 7) Fair sport transparency and understanding.

www.unitedathletesalliance.org



## Del Mar Fairgrounds/Showpark could host temporary housing for homeless vets

Excerpts from San Diego Tribune report

The Del Mar fair board is considering a plan to install temporary modular housing for hundreds of homeless veterans and their families.

The most likely location appears to be at the horsepark, a 65-acre equestrian facility about three miles east of the fairgrounds. The site has easy access to Interstate 5 and ample facilities such as parking and hookups for water, sewage and electricity.

"This is supposed to be transitory housing that would lead to permanent low-income housing," said Lisa Barkett, vice president of the 22nd District Agricultural Association board of directors, which oversees activities at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and the horsepark.

She called it "a great idea" that could provide income for the district, which has taken huge financial losses from events closed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The temporary housing also could help the neighboring cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach meet their statemandated goals for affordable home construction.

The fairgrounds could place 200 of the modular units on 2.5 acres at the horsepark, Barkett said. A second possible location is the recreational vehicle lot near the fairgrounds tennis courts on Jimmy Durante Boulevard.

Up to 1,000 units could be installed at the fairgrounds, she said. The individual units are selfcontained and can be occupied without water, sewer or electrical system hookups, although those can be provided. The buildings are available in various plans, with up to five rooms each, and can be stacked on top of each other.

The fairgrounds would contract with the company to install, maintain and operate the transitional housing, said Dustin Fuller, a supervising environmental planner for the agricultural district.

Occupants would be required to observe strict protocals. Meals would be provided, and residents would have curfews. The units would have no kitchens and would be similar to some of the "tiny homes" that are becoming popular.

"It could be easily set up and easily removed," said Director Don Mosier, who serves on a committee investigating the idea.

#### Volume I Issue no. 3

#### ADVICE FROM AN OLD **FARMER**

#### MOST TIMES, IT JUST GETS DOWN TO **COMMON SENSE**

\*\*Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.

\*\*Keep skunks and bankers at a distance. \*\*Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

\*\*A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.

\*\*Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.

\*\*Meanness don't jes' happen overnight. \*\*Forgive your enemies;

it messes up their heads. \*\*Do not corner something that you know

is meaner than you. \*\*It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

\*\*You cannot unsay a cruel word.

\*\*Every path has a few puddles. \*\*When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

\*The best sermons are lived, not preached.

\*Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway. \*Don't judge folks by their relatives.

\*Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

\*\*Live a good, honorable life... then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

\*\*Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.

\*\*Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.

'If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

\*\*Sometimes you get,

and sometimes you get got.

\*\*The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

\*\*Always drink upstream from the herd. \*\*Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment. \*\*Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

\*\*If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..

\*\*Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.

\*\*Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.

Most times, it just common sense.



PLAYING & STAYING SAFE

WWW.ECLIPSEFARMS.COM



#### **NEWSBITS and LEFT OVERS**

June, 2020

ChuckUms®

YOUR STABLE SOLUTION®

**MULTI-USE DISPOSABLE** 

STANDING WRAPS

**CLEAN EVERYTIME** 

Hygienic | Repel Dirt and Moisture

Perfect for Scratches, Fungus, Wound Care

Save water and avoid bleach, harsh

detergents and their damaging effects on the environment and skin. Made from at least 70% • recycled materials. For More Information: ChuckUms.com | 00 pivotequine@chuckums.com Manufactured by Pivot Equine LLC Patent Pending | Made in the USA © 2020 Pivot Equine LLC

**Equestrian** 

Sport Enthusiasts

## **Show Jumping Hall of Fame Elects New Members**

#### Peter Doubleday, Robert Ridland, Colonel John W. "Gyp" Wofford and **Bold Minstrel to be Inducted**

Induction into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame is an honor bestowed annually upon select individuals whose contributions to the sport have set them apart and whose influence has had a significant impact on the sport of show jumping and the equestrian community.

It is because of their talents, efforts, accomplishments, and what they have brought to the sport, that the Election Committee, comprising some of the nation's top riders, trainers and officials. Bold Minstrel is the only horse in history to win medals for the U.S. at the Pan American Games in two different disciplines.



**Robert Ridland** 

**Peter Doubleday** 



Volume I Issue no. 3







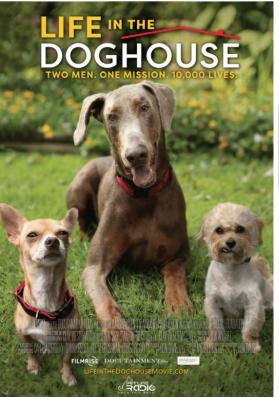






**HAYGAIN** 







NewsBits is informative, convenient to carry, designed to be easy to read

and then toss it away. Cost effective, ad placing & size is eye catching, distribution is extensive.

NEWS AND INFORMATION THAT IS PERTINENT, ADDING IN A LITTLE FUN.

To secure a front page or special placement, call before it's reserved! Temporary Phone: 714.797.1404 ask for Shari McCarty or see Kathy Hobstetter Email: showjumpinglifestyle@aol.com + www.showjumpinglifestyle.com



What's your Horse's gut telling you?

Do you know what your horse's food sensitivities and intolerances are? Did you know that your horse's temperament, performance, and overall well-being can be impacted?

Intolerances may cause symptoms like behavioral issues, bloating, dull coat, diarrhea, weight gain/weight loss, and many more. Don't Delay. Order NOW and Save \$50.00. Offer expires June 15th, 2020.



Volume I

#### **NEWSBITS and LEFT OVERS**

June, 2020





"Serving The Equestrian Community Since 1965" 1-203-949-0011



HAP HANSEN



Are you missing horse shows as much as we are? Come dust the cobwebs off with us this summer and fall!

Let's Show Beach Party - June 24-28, 2020 - Featuring over \$30,000 in prize money

Almaden Summer Show - July 8-12, 2020 -

Let's Show Halloween Championship - October 21-25, 2020 2'9" PCHA Horsemanship Finals -

### **Palm Beach Masters Announces Cancellation of Competition Series**

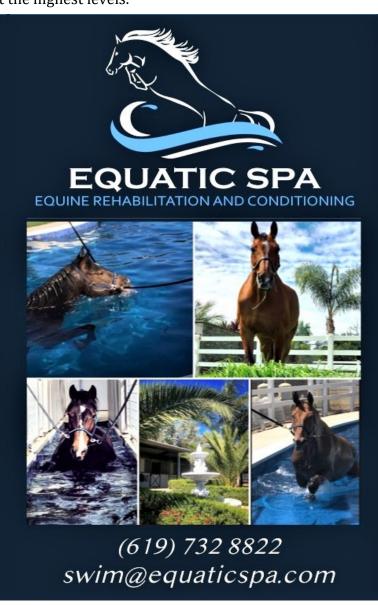
by US Equestrian Communications Department | May , 2020

**Wellington, Fla.** – The organizers of the Palm Beach Masters have announced they will no longer operate the Palm Beach Masters Series going forward due to ongoing and unforeseen lasting impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The Palm Beach Masters Series has hosted the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Wellington since 2016 and has served as home to the U.S. leg of the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup™ Series since 2019.

"We are of course very sorry that the Longines FEI Jumping World Cup – North American League and the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup series qualifiers in Wellington will not go ahead and that the Organiser is no longer operating," FEI President Ingmar De Vos said. "Together with the whole world, we are dealing with an unprecedented situation, and we understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect, not just on the FEI Calendar, but also a substantial economic impact on the equestrian community as a whole."

"It was a great honor to host the Palm Beach Masters Series at Deeridge Farms in Wellington, Fla. From the beginning, my family was committed to producing a world-class event benefitting the most accomplished equestrians from across the globe. We are very proud of the series, which featured high-performance horse sport and a distinctive hospitality experience," said Lou Jacobs, Founder of the Palm Beach Masters Series.

"We thank the Jacobs family and the Palm Beach Masters team for hosting the Longines FEI Jumping Nations Cup USA and Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Qualifiers at their beautiful Deeridge Farms over the past few years," said Bill Moroney, Chief Executive Officer of US Equestrian. "We extend our continued appreciation to the FEI and to Longines for their ongoing support of equestrian sport at the highest levels."





Issue no. 3



Hunters, Jumpers, **Equitation & Ponies** 

Nancy A. Frost

(626) 786-8159 sapphireridge@yahoo.com La Canada Flintridge, CA

**Currently Accepting New Clients** 





**NEWSBITS and MORE STUFF** 

June, 2020

# rook Ledge

#### **NEW THIS YEAR!** SAN FERNANDO HUNTER JUMPER POINTS **DESERT CIRCUIT I-VIII**





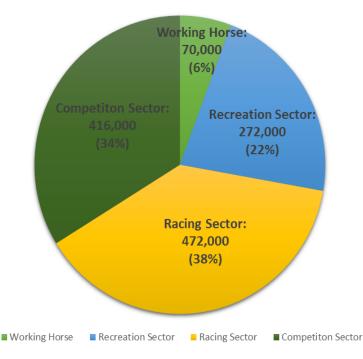
# SPORTS THERAPIST to National Equitation, Hunter and Grand Prix Winners Marjorie B. Sugarman LCSW-R, BCD, CHT, CMH, Board Certified Enhance performance through mind/body techniques **Sports Psychology • Visualization Imagery** • Psychotherapy phone: 631-361-7828 • fax: 631-361-9455



#### THE HORSE COUNCIL REPORT **JOBS IN HORSE INDUSTRY**

The American Horse Council Foundation (AHCF) released a report, which detailed key statistics about the current contributions of the equine industry in America. The study divided the activities of the industry into four main sectors: Recreation, Racing, Competition and Working Horses. Employment opportunities and economic growth for equine businesses in America appeared to be increasing, suggesting promising prospects for the future of the international horse industry as well! Then the pandemic hit!

#### Total Jobs Provided by the US Equine Industry (Direct and Indirect)



Data from the American Horse Council's 2017 National Economic Impact Study of US Horse Industry. The full report can be purchases at:

https://www.horsecouncil.org/product/2017-economicimpact-study-of-the-u-s-horse-industry/



#### Volume I Issue no. 3

#### **NOW 3 MONTHS INTO OUR SHELTERING IN PLACE ORDER**

Opinion by Macella O'Neill

And right now it's hard to even know where to focus our attention. The ongoing frightening pandemic which we as a country have responded to in a shamefully incompetent fashion, is far from resolved. I am prouder than ever to be a Californian as our state's proactive cogent science based response has clearly prevented us from suffering like other high density transient locations. But nothing is going to preclude the inevitable economic disruption, also very frightening, as these two issues are inextricably intertwined. As is the agonizing issue of racism, a long simmering discontent that has exploded onto our national consciousnesses this last week, finally managing to displace the Covid headlines.

Not only are health and economic concerns a huge component of the disgraceful statistics that comprise the reality of racism in this country. As we all know, lack of educational access, unjust law enforcement and incarceration rates, housing availability and possibly most importantly, lack of access to upward mobility to say nothing of the ability to escape a systematized misery, all complete the picture.

One of the most discouraging aspects of this beautiful life I have led is that I feel that we have a structural racism that includes most of the above, built so thoroughly into our industry that it is virtually invisible to many. My now discomfort at the working & living conditions that are essentially modus operandi for the Mexicans that are the backbone of the hunter/jumper industry, is something that I have worked diligently to address in my own small business. I am not even able to be successful on this incredibly small scale despite my best efforts.

I find this situation especially shameful in contrast to the opulence that is such a prominent feature of the life I lead. While they are charitably minded, and we seriously bless them for their endeavors, their travel to the far flung corners of the globe to assist struggling indigenous peoples and have fund raisers for people in distant countries, how many of us concern ourselves with the opportunities that are immediately available to us to improve someone's life here?

Do we know what time the groom that hands us our horse started working in the morning? When will his day end? Does that groom have children? Are they healthy & well? Does that groom himself have housing? Health care? Even a vehicle? How does that groom feel to hear Mexicans referred to as drug dealers & rapists?

How do you feel about the person you entrust your beloved & valuable horse to, as well as your own safety to? Do we even think about any of this?

We definitely have an opportunity to do so





NEWSBITS and EXTRA NEWS

June, 2020

soleá

Our Relaxed & Focused

Horse Treats are intended

for horses who are a little uptight and need to focus

on their job. They can be

tion). And they contain

For more information.

please visit: www.barnbites.com

given at any time (such as

20 minutes before competi-

nothing on the FEI or USEF

prohibited substance list.

*i*JUMP SPORTS

## Our Industry isn't coming back the same, What will we have?

The entire life of competitive horseman rotates around the next show, the next good horse, the next big sale, the next competition, and/or the next big accomplishment of the students. Training programs and personal goals center around the show circuit and what or where is next. We revolve around programs that require qualifying classes in order to 'get there' and take a shot at a really big win. Plans are made in January for the year ahead and what the traveling schedule would be.

horsemen were left standing in the dark of a catastrophic pandemic. We were completely unprepared, our world stopped, and we were left scratching our heads in won-

our businesses, and our peace of mind. No longer did we know where we would be next week or next month or even tomorrow for that matter. Our usual social and business structure fell completely out from under us and we scrambled. Our social and professional norms had

Some barns threw caution and the rules to the wind and continued business as usual, several of them without even the smallest of adjustments for contamination. No masks, no physical distancing, no sanitizer but the business went on, caution to the rules was not in the vocabulary.

Some barns made the adjustments for masks and sanitizers and tried to monitor social distancing. Some barns educated themselves and staff and as big as the hardship was, they followed protocol to the letter.

But we all survived.... except for the impact on the show world we love so much, we lived to see the next day. For some it would mean the end of a horse career and/or a dream as they had no 'staying power' financially.

Con't next column

In March of this year it all came to a screeching halt and

The COVID pandemic impacted every aspect of our lives, been blown to bits.

The virus brought economic hardship to our businesses and made havoc of our daily lives. Status quo for the horse business was gone, there was no 'normal'. By mid-April we had finally figured out that we really had absolutely no say in the process and we may be in this situation for the long haul.

am willing to relocate, but would prefer to stay Contact Anne Mooney 415.713.7320

Stay Calm...

nd feed Barn Bites!

innisfree67@att.net

JOB OPPORTUNITY WANTED

I am seeking a long term position with a well

established barn. I ride and teach, I am a great

ground person for a pro. 32 successful years in

the business. Excellent references available.

Going to the shows, and in a perfect world,

take it all overly seriously!

in Ca.

would like this barn to also emphasize fun! Not







#### Volume I Issue no. 3

Con't

While we are all out of work and working from home adjusting to this new normal, the reality and the questions we are all asking is, "When we return to play as a sport, we will not return to any sense of 'normal' as we knew it. When will it be safe?"

With every show cancelled, the industry suffered. Behind the behind the scenes were hit hardest, the backbone of the sport took a direct hit.

- \*Grooms, braiders, back gate people, security, tractor drivers, jump crew, announcers, judges, and officials were all out of jobs on literally, an hours' notice March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Show facilities and their maintenance crews.
- \*Trucking and shipping companies. Equine air flight and the logistics involved.
- \*Production and support staff for the shows.
- \*Managers themselves.
- \*Assistant trainers
- \*Hotels, Airbnb, RV lots.
- \*and the list goes on...

While we are all out of work and working from home adjusting to this new normal, the reality and the questions we are all asking is, "When we return to play as a sport, we will not return to any sense of 'normal' as we knew it. When will it be safe?"

Looking ahead as we begin the next phase of opening our country and our sport, we truly don't know what is ahead or what it will look like. The ONLY thing we know is that we will live in a different world and a different sport. Recovery is months and months away, and after we finally get some kind of approval for a terribly chopped down and modified show model, we will have to adapt again.

But we will survive, we are a resilient group and we love these horses. AND we dearly love competition and the feeling of achievement. We will get to the end of this situation and we will return to hard work and working to achieve. It will not 'look' like it did prior to this virus, but it will return.

And again the magic will rule the lives of people who love horses, love to learn and especially love the sense of accomplishment......the show always goes on, it just hit a roadblock for a little while.



**EQUESTRIAN NEIGHTION** ONE NEIGHTION, UNDER SADDLE







**NEWSBITS and LEFT OVERS** 

June, 2020 Volume I Issue no. 3

## AROUND THE RING ... Faces of the Sport



