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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

(May 2022)

I hope this issue of InGate finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy and looking forward to an exciting 2022 show season.

I am thrilled to have stepped into the President role this year, following Diane Ratigan, our Past President. I want to take this opportunity to thank Diane for her leadership and contributions to the OHJA over the last 6 years. Under her direction, the OHJA accomplished many important milestones and navigated unprecedented times. We are lucky to have Diane continue to work closely with the OHJA, as she takes on the Past President role on the Board.



A little bit about me...I have been a member of the OHJA Board since 2019 and have 30+ years industry experience as a competitor, barn owner, parent and sponsor. I have a passion for this incredible sport and want to give back to something that has given so much to me and my family. You can typically find me at the ring competing in the Junior/Amateur 3'3 Division or trying my best to navigate the Junior/Amateur Classic with my trusted partner California. In my professional life, I am the Vice President of Human Resources for TD Bank's Canadian Personal Banking Division.

The last couple of years have certainly brought many challenges; however, I am confident that in 2022, we will be looking forward to more normalcy. This year brings the 100th year anniversary of the Royal Winter Fair and we can already feel the excitement building as the show season gets underway.

In November 2021, we surveyed our membership to get your feedback on what is important to you. We have taken your input into consideration and introduced some great new programs for 2022 while continuing to build on the success of our existing ones. I think you will find there is something for everyone to take advantage of. We experienced much success partnering with Angelstone Events to bring you the Ontario Championship Finals in 2021 and we have exciting plans to build on the momentum and make 2022 even better.

As the show season gets underway I am looking forward to getting out and meeting our members. We want to hear from you so please reach out. I wish everyone a happy and successful show season ahead.

**Best,**

**Victoria McDonald**  
**OHJA President**

## IN MEMORIAM: JULIE TATTERSALL



By Jane, Jennifer and Jackie Tattersall

**Julie was born in England** and, as a young girl, emigrated to Canada with her family on the Queen Mary ship in 1948. Her relationship with horses started at a young age. As a teenager living in Willowdale, she managed to connect with a local barn to take lessons and work, travelling great distances to get there from her home. She turned this great passion for horses into a life-long career. Julie often shared fond memories of her early years working and riding for Lou Mikucki, Cudney Stables, Bayview Stables and later with Captain and Gladys Adams.

A much-respected horsewoman, she was involved in many facets of the equestrian industry, as a rider, trainer, coach and breeder of thoroughbreds, Welsh ponies, driving ponies and hunters-jumpers. She also very much enjoyed being involved with the Toronto and North York Hunt Club and working on the organizing committees for events such as the Canadian Pony Breeders' Show and Canadian Carriage Driving Classic.

A fixture at horse shows across Ontario for over 35 years, she coached many young riders to qualifying and winning at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Additionally, coaching and training alongside her daughter, Jaclyn, she coached and qualified horses and ponies for the prestigious Devon Horse Show and USEF Pony Finals. Farnley Melanie, purchased by Julie as a yearling, and raised and trained by Julie for the small pony hunter ring and remained owned by Julie throughout her entire life, is an inductee of the Jump Canada Hall of Fame.

Julie truly enjoyed teaching people to ride and greatly cherished all of the relationships she made through the stables she managed and the students she coached. She held fond memories of every stage of her career and the people she met along the way. She passed her love of horses onto her three daughters Jackie, Jennifer and Jane.

## HELPING CHILDREN (AND PARENTS) COPE WITH OUTGROWING PONIES



By Heather McCann-Cuddy

**As parents, we can all see the signs coming.** At the beginning of the season our children are a perfect size on their ponies but through the year, they grow. We buy them larger show clothes and longer jodhpers. We shorten their stirrups but eventually we must face the inevitable. Children cannot ride their ponies forever. Facing this harsh reality is difficult enough for adults, so how can we help children understand this challenging change?

While some parents would happily have fields full of outgrown ponies, adults need to help children understand that when they outgrow their pony, it gives another child an opportunity. Great ponies can teach many children to ride and help them develop their love of the sport. We were very lucky to have just such a pony enter our lives when our son was four. His name was Toy Town, but is better known as Sparky, a beloved first pony to many and

owned by the Hayes family. After many years of success showing on the A circuit and OHJA events with Quincy, Sparky was leased by friends at the farm where we boarded. Our son fell in love with Sparky and when our friend's daughter outgrew him, they suggested we lease him. My son and Sparky had years of fun together; hacking, playing knights, lead line and even cross rail success. But then there were the unmistakable signs of growth. He was getting taller and it was time for Sparky to teach another little child how to love a pony.

I explained to my son that we wouldn't have had the years of enjoyment from Sparky had the Hayes kept him or if our friends hadn't suggested we lease Sparky after their daughter outgrew him. They were kind enough to lease Sparky to us and now it was time to let a new little girl or boy have as much fun with Sparky as he did. When the time comes to move to a larger pony, children know that they are bringing the skills they learned from their previous ponies to their new pony partners. Previous owners and riders may congratulate them at the ring and they can share success stories.

Kelly Travers coach to many champion pony/child combinations says, "The number one thing when it comes to discussing letting go of a lease pony or selling a pony is to validate the child's

feelings. It's okay to be sad and excited at the same time and it's normal to miss your pony. All those feelings are valid. They can keep loving that pony after it has moved on to another child. That pony isn't going to forget you or love you any less. I'm an adult and I still love all the ponies I had, and thanks to social media, I'm able to watch a lot of them go on and succeed in their new homes.

I also remember friends saying to me "I love my pony too much to ever sell him/her". Letting go doesn't mean you don't love them. Sometimes letting go is the right thing to do for both of you and knowing when to let go is important. That's a valuable life lesson, not just a pony lesson.

My mom always said, your pony has a job and he likes that job. He's done his job with you, he's taught you what he can and taken you as far as he can. Now he needs to teach another little boy/girl everything he taught you. And you get to make a new friend and learn new things with your new partner. It might not be the same, but that doesn't mean it won't also be great."

Francesca Mulligan is trainer to many champion riders and ponies at Stoney Fields. She says,

"It is important to help young riders understand that the different ponies they are partnered with represent grade levels with their riding education. Each type of pony or "teacher" covers a certain period

of their elementary riding career. As inevitable as graduation day, so is the end of a rider's journey in the pony ring. This day should be reflected on and celebrated as it opens up a number of new opportunities for riders. Looking at this as a new beginning and not an ending is the best way to help riders close the chapter on pony land.”

When Sparky passed at an elderly age, we realized just how loved he was by so many with the outpouring of affection for the little pony on social media. Thanks to the Hayes family, so many children had the opportunity to ride and learn from Sparky. And that's the wonderful purpose of these great ponies. A generation of children can love them.



## IN MEMORIAM: CHARLIE BROWN AKA “LEROY”

By Taylor Avann



Charlie Brown competed with Taylor Avann in 2018 and 2019 with top 5 finishes in multiple Grand Prix classes and a win at the WEC Ohio. Lanie Thomas and Charlie Brown competed in international classes and had multiple championships in the Jr/Am 1.40m. division. Claire Radvanyi and Charlie Brown were champions of the 1.20m division at the Royal Winter Fair. His longtime partner, Taylor Avann had this to say; “Leroy, you were one in a million: the best teacher and partner anyone could ask for. Your heart of gold and larger than life personality kept everyone on their toes. Your talent, scope, heart, and competitiveness were unmatched. You took multiple riders from lower jumpers to their first Grand Prix. Always challenging, you were worth every lesson you taught us. There was never a time when I didn't think we'd get to the other side. To our boy Charlie Brown, thank you for everything. Thank you for your unconditional loyalty and love. You were a partner of a lifetime.”

## AFTER THE FALL: A COMEBACK STORY

By Gabrielle Gallant



**This is my comeback story.**

There are a lot of twists and turns, and the hope of a happy ending, just like every proper comeback story.

It starts, like many comeback stories do, with a moment of hubris. The teenager on the

spicy little mare was having a tough time at a jump. “Hey,” I thought to myself (like an absolute idiot), “that looks like something I can fix.” With utterly misplaced confidence, I tried.

This first chapter concludes with me in a ditch. Having broken my fall with my face, blood was blossoming on the knee of my breeches when I heard a shrill cry from the panicked mother of the teen with the spicy mare. “Call an ambulance,” she shrieked. Chapter 2: A severe concussion stole my memory and, rudely, still hasn’t returned it. The fall also left me with a jaunty cane, rainbow-colored bruised legs and a giant bandage covering the stitches on my chin. Between naps that totaled 16 or 18 hours of sleep a day, I found genuine joy in grossing out my friends with pictures of my bruises.

These early chapters were fast-paced and eventful. The next part of the story was tedious in its sameness. Fatigue and memory loss made everything hard. Keeping my house clean and my hair washed was miserably tough. Going back to work, briefing decks and memos took three times as long as they had taken before, but that wasn’t the worst part. The worst part was how my colleagues reacted. One was resentful and stopped speaking to me. I struggled to navigate “disability” claims, necessary because there continued to be days where the fog was too thick to navigate. With a beleaguered brain and the accompanying isolation, it was hard to be my own advocate.

I can tell you honestly that through those long months, I was the saddest pile-of-blankets-on-a-couch that you’ve ever seen. I felt much stupider than I had ever felt before, was struggling with my workplace and I wasn’t safe to drive a car, let alone drive a car to a farm so I could ride a horse. The one thing that I wanted more than anything was to be back in the saddle. Before my accident, I had a curmudgeonly chestnut gelding named Monte that I was madly in love with. I was riding at a lovely facility, and Monte and I spent our time with romantic music playing in the background while wandering through lush



meadows. Real romance-novel stuff. After my accident, there was one pitiful time when my dad drove me to the barn and the staff put Monte in cross ties for me to kiss. I wobbled up on my cane, a dramatic single tear snaking down my tragic face ... and Monte bopped me in the chin with his nose. My busted chin. My 12-stitches chin. My “the scar makes me interesting” chin.

I laughed out loud. A big belly laugh. Monte’s owner had always teased me that I fed him too many treats and I was turning him into a monster. He was the same Monte, regardless of how far away I felt from the same Gabrielle. Here I was with a foggy brain, heavy heart, bumped and bruised—and Monte still

didn’t care about anything other than snacks. This is why horse girls can’t stay away, even when broken. Horses are forever. Between those stitches coming out and this spring, my brain has had a few other traumatic events. The real talk is that I have permanent neurological symptoms and they’re a serious pain in the behind. I’ve pushed on in my career, and while sometimes it really feels like I’m dragging, the ponies aren’t going to pay for themselves. So, a gal has gotta hustle. I said this was a comeback story, though, so here’s the comeback! I met Tax Free, better known as “Taxi.” Gigantic and handsome, he is an elderly grand prix horse with a goofball personality and a willingness to trade about 40 minutes of light work for 2.5 pounds of carrots. He’s owned by a young

professional who wants the horse to stay happy and fit. With that young professional teaching me on the coolest horse I've ever sat on, I look forward to every single ride. I'm grateful for every minute I get to spend on a horse as brilliant as Taxi.

And it's a good thing that I practice gratitude, because here's what happened next: In a freak accident, poor Taxi broke his jaw. Really. Bless Taxi for being a gentlemanly patient and taking his round-pen turnout and mushy food with equanimity.

As his jaw heals, we trot around the ring in a halter with reins and I dream of horse showing.



**LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?**

**WANT TO SHARE INPUT ON HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OHJA PROGRAMS?**

The OHJA is always looking for enthusiastic individuals to join the various OHJA sub-committees, which include:

- The Hunter & Equitation Committee
- The Jumper Committee
- The Banquet & Awards Committee
- The Communications Committee: InGate/Web/Social Media

Committee members can expect to attend monthly meetings, provide input on programs and be responsible for leading and/or supporting committee and Board initiatives.

Please email all inquiries to: [info@ohja.ca](mailto:info@ohja.ca)

We look forward to working with you!



Spotlight:

## ELLAH DUBEAU-KIELTY By Kelly Traver



**Ellah Dubeau-Kielty** was undoubtedly a standout rider of the 2021 show season. In her final junior year, she successfully made her U25 debut, she was the leading junior hunter rider, the winner of the Matthew Mulligan award for equitation, the winner of both the CET and Jump Canada regional medal finals, and the highest placing junior rider in the eastern Canadian Hunter Derby final. We asked Ellah to tell us a bit about the horses she rode during this monumental season, and some of her secrets to success.

**Can you tell us about the horses you campaigned this past season?**

I was fortunate enough to campaign some truly talented horses under the tutelage of Mark Hayes last season.

Kingsport (Mo) is a 10 year old gelding owned by Kathy Hartling. And he is the horse I've known

the longest. Our partnership began in 2019 where we finished overall reserve champion in the Jr hunters. In 2021 we completed our season as champion overall in the Jr. hunters, champion in the Jr. medal division, Regional champion Jump Canada medal and champion in the Jr./Am 3'6 division at Ontario championships. Mo is a beautiful horse with a huge personality and big heart to match. Over the years we developed a mutual respect for each other, he taught me a lot about patience and accuracy, which really helped to finesse my hunter riding and improve our performance as a team in the ring. It was a privilege to close out my junior years with such a special horse.

Blueberry Hill (Indy) is an 8 year old gelding also owned by Kathy Hartling, and I was introduced to him shortly before the start of show season. Although new to the equitation job, he took it on with ease. I really enjoyed campaigning Indy in

the OHJA medal, CET and Derby classes. He's such a talented, versatile horse who loves his job and is always willing to try new things. We ended the year winning the CET regionals and placing 3rd in the Canadian Hunter Derby eastern final at the Ontario championships. He's an incredibly impressive horse.

Contria is an 11 year old mare owned by Rachelle Berube and was also a new mount for me. We both stepped into the 1.30 and U25 rings for the first time last summer and achieved some great results with a number of podium finishes in both divisions over the season. Contria is a very athletic horse who aims to please every time out, she has the sweetest personality and was an absolute pleasure to ride.

Wildflower (Sage) is a 6 year old mare owned by Mark Hayes. Sage, who a lot of people on the circuit know as my heart horse, was introduced to me in 2020 as young horse prospect for the jumper ring. I am indebted to Mark for allowing me to ride this incredible horse. We learned the jumper job together in 2020 and ended our first season as Champion of Cabana Coast Young Horse series in the 5 year old division and last season we finished Champion in the junior section of the 1.20 and 3rd overall in the junior section of 1.30 division. Sage is a true competitor, she has a huge sense of self and she loves to win. She's quick, careful and incredibly brave. Some of my most favorite moments as a rider have been spent with this horse and she will always occupy a big place in my heart. I also had the opportunity to compete on a few of Clermark Equestrian's horses last season in the hunter, jumper and EQ rings. They were a great group of talented horses and I really enjoyed my time with each one of

them. It was a great experience.

### **How do you balance your school work, social life, and horses?**

I try to stay as organized as possible in everything I do so I don't drop the ball anywhere. I keep track of all my commitments and obligations and routinely check my schedule. In 2020, I switched to online studies, so that has really helped open my days for riding and it allows me to dedicate more of my evenings to school work. My focus for the past few years has been on riding and education so it doesn't leave me a lot of time for social activities, but I'm working on getting better at allowing myself that time.

### **What is the best piece of advice you've received and who was it from?**

I'm a very inquisitive person so I'm always seeking out advice. I like to know what motivates others and often journal pieces I think I can use in my life. I don't have one specific favourite, but there is a quote by Charleston Parker that my Grandfather shared with me when I was little. I still love it and use all the time in my day to day life and also in my riding.

"In life you have three choices: give up, give in, or give it all you've got"

### **Do you have a favourite tip for keeping your horses in top form that you can share with us?**

I enjoy adding a lot of hill work and trail riding into the mix where I can (grass rings work great too). I find it helps the horse stay in top form both from a physical and mental standpoint. It really helps them to relax, stretch out and use themselves in a different ways. It's just a nice way to build on fitness,

relaxation and have some fun at the same time.

### **Is there a training tip that you used to solve a problem with one of your horses that you'd like to share?**

I have always been drawn to classical riders who put a lot of importance on flat work and make the job look smooth and effortless no matter how difficult their horse may be. I don't believe there are shortcuts to addressing a problem, you have to work through it and flat work is a great way to do that. It really helps zero in on the issue, improve communication and build trust. Over the past few years it is something I really appreciated learning more about from Mark Hayes, who is known for his attention to detail and ability to solve problems with even the most challenging horses.

### **What are your goals for 2022?**

2022 is shaping up to be a much different year for me as a rider and competitor. Aging out of the junior rings changes a lot for me so I haven't sent firm goals just yet but I hope to continue my growth in the horse industry and I look forward to what the year may bring.

### **What do trainers say about Ellah?**

"Ellah's last junior year was a fantastic one. Not many have equalled her accomplishments or been more successful, and her ease of moving from ponies to U25 jumpers was a seamless effort. In each division this year, hunters, hunter derby, hunter EQ, jumper EQ, jumpers, young jumper classes, right up to 1.40m jumpers, she was successful on a variety of horses she knew or catch rode, which is a testament to her ability, determination and horsemanship. I'm sure we will

see more success from her in the future." – *Mark Hayes*

"I have watched Ellah grow as a rider from her pony days up to today. As a trainer, I have always been witness to her dedication and love for the sport. I am always so pleased when someone that wins the Matthew Mulligan Memorial trophy shows the grace and humbleness that Ellah exhibits at all times. She is a testament to what hard work and discipline can achieve." – *Lois Mulligan*

"From the moment I first set eyes on Ellah in the small ponies at a Trillium show, I knew she was something special. She has always had a natural talent and rides from her heart. Ellah never backs down from a challenge and is determined to understand and bring out the best of every horse she rides. Her versatility is hard earned, and her success so well deserved. It has been a blessing to watch her bloom from the worried pony kid I first recruited to the confident and accomplished horsewoman she is today." – *Kelly Traver*

"Although I've only gotten to know Ellah personally over the past couple months, I have watched her ride and compete successfully for many years on the Ontario A Circuit. She has always conducted herself in a very professional manner and set a high standard for the up and coming junior riders. She is dedicated and very passionate about the sport - both in preparation and in the show ring. She has been an asset to Looking Back in helping ride and school the horses and ponies all winter. It's a privilege to work with Ellah and a privilege to have her on board to ride and show this upcoming season - her first as a professional!" – *Sandi Ballard*



## OHJA BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROFILES:



### **Diane Ratigan: Past President**

Diane has a wealth of experience in the Hunter/Jumper world including being part of the OHJA Board, where she's been involved for the last 14 years, as President for the last six years and acting as Co-Chair of the Hunter/Equitation Committee, and also as both a competitor and an EC Senior Judge. Diane's involvement with horses dates back to when she was a kid. Diane first got involved with riding out in Red Deer, AB, where she participated in the local Pony

Club activities including PPG during family trips. She then went on to show in the Large Ponies, Juniors, Jumpers and most recently in the Adult Amateurs qualifying for the Royal Winter Fair in 2011, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Diane has a young hunter that will start showing this season in the Hunters. Diane is also a Senior EC Hunter and Jumper judge, where she travels throughout the country judging Silver and Gold competitions. Outside of the riding world, Diane also manages to find the time to work as a Director at a Software company. Fun fact about Diane, she is a lover of all animals – not just horses! She has a dog named Eddie, two cats named Ben and Jerry, and three chickens named Regina, Gretchen, and Burberry!



### **Kristine Kubota**

I've been involved with horses and the equine industry in one way or another throughout my whole life. As a young child, there really wasn't a weekend you wouldn't find me at the barn helping, riding, mucking stalls or travelling to local horse shows with friends. As a teenager, I somehow managed to convince my parents into leasing a children's hunter and my show journey began both on the Trillium West Circuit and A Circuit. Most of my mileage was in the hunter and equitation

divisions and medal classes, but I also showed in the amateur jumpers. Today I find myself in a dream position as National Sales Manager for Integricare Animal Health, makers of TRI-ACTA; Canada's leading joint supplements in both the Pet and Equine Industry since 1999. You will often find me ringside with my agility dogs who I compete with at an International level and a member of the well known Superdogs at the Royal Winter Fair. I have been a Board Member for the OHJA for the last two years and proud to be part of a team with so many great minds within our industry. I look forward to sharing ideas and contributing to our equine community here in Ontario and continue to evolve our sport and support our amazing members!



### **Christine Whalen: Treasurer**

Christine has been on the OHJA board since 2008 and serves as the treasurer. She enjoys being able to bring her financial expertise to help the sport in a meaningful way. Christine is a Chartered Professional Accountant and runs an accounting practice in Erin serving small businesses. Christine is a lifelong rider, and now competes on the Ontario gold circuit with her amateur jumper Optimist Prime GF.



### **Pam Dorion**

My love for horses started with a half hour private lesson and has turned into a lifelong passion for the sport. I have competed in hunters and at the IHSA level, but I found my place in the jumper ring. That led to a provincial championship and then later the opportunity to groom at the FEI level and ultimately be an owner of a Grand Prix horse. I'm excited to be part of the OHJA Board and look forward to all the good things to come.



### **Katie Blum**

Having always had a love for horses, I first fell in love with the sport while attending summer camp at Pause Awhile Equestrian Centre. After my younger sister and I convinced our parents that lessons were a necessary next step, my family continued to invest in the sport as we made our way from the pony rings to competing at Young Riders (NAJYRC).

Over the years, I have been fortunate to continuously feed my passion for the sport, even supporting the Ontario Collegiate Equestrian Association (OCEA) throughout university. After stepping away to focus on my career as a CPA, specialized in translating the impacts of climate change for business, I have recently found myself planning a return to the show ring.

While my involvement in the sport has evolved, I am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to further develop the OHJA community, supporting riders at all levels of competition as they pursue their goals both in and out of the ring.



### **Natasha Skupsky**

Natasha started riding as a young girl in the early 80s, and within a couple of years she had her first pony and then spent the next fifteen years learning and appreciating everything to do with the hunter/jumper equestrian industry. She then took some time off of riding to work on her career, but has been back in competition in the amateur hunter ring for the last decade, and joined the OHJA Board a couple of years ago to give back to the sport that she treasures so much.



### **Kelly Nicholls**

I was introduced to horses at a young age on my grand parents farm. This evolved into competing in the jumper divisions for most of my twenties. My daughter Jillian has competed on the OHJA circuit since 2008 starting in the Short Stirrup division. I have completed my second year with the OHJA and have enjoyed my time working with the Board to ensure we deliver robust programs to our membership. We have met many lifelong friends through our involvement of this sport. Professionally I have worked for the past 10 years at Horseware Ireland, Vice President Sales & Marketing.



### **Heather McCann-Cuddy**

Riding is truly a family sport for Heather McCann-Cuddy. As an avid competitor since the 1980's, Heather has competed in the pony divisions, Children's hunters, Younger and Older Adults and most currently, the 3'6 Amateur Owner division. Her husband Brent, and son Cameron compete in the 1.30 Jumpers and Pony Jumpers. Heather is looking forward to representing our members through young rider development and by showcasing rider achievements in the InGate Magazine. When not riding or competing with her family, Heather teaches history at Branksome Hall.



### **Sharon Batista**

Sharon Batista became involved in the hunter-jumper world with her two daughters competing on ponies and horses for the last 15 years and has volunteered as Secretary of the OHJA Board of Directors for the past 5 years. In the last couple of years, with the help of her girls, a patient trainer, and her horse Peyton, Sharon has now begun the journey of learning to ride and compete in the Beginner Adult Hunters. In her professional life, she works as a Senior Investment Advisor in wealth management.



## Elizabeth Rous

Elizabeth Rous owns and operates Hollybrook Farm in the Hamilton area. She has been on the board for two terms and stepped into the Vice president role for 2022.

Elizabeth competed on the trillium and A circuit as a junior, and after attending university, spent 5 years teaching and riding in New York and Florida. After moving home to Canada and spending time working with established professionals, she branched out on her own and started Hollybrook Farm. She has a wide range of students, from

schooling show level, pony riders, equitation students who qualified for and placed very well at the Royal, and jumpers who finish in the top of the OHJA standings. Elizabeth has been an active member of the OHJA board for the past 4 years, sitting on two committee's and chairing a third.



## Jeff Brandmaier

Jeff Brandmaier started mucking stalls for riding lessons at age 10 and won his first class when he was 13, being fortunate to get catch rides throughout his career. He has competed for over 50 years, jumping 1.40m or better for 30 years and did his first grand prix 22 years ago.

Brandmaier attained success in the ring throughout his career winning several Ontario Championships in both hunters and jumpers, a National Championship at the Royal Winter Fair in the 1.40m division and Reserve National Champion in the

Hunter Derby. He earned wins and championships in both the US and Canada including the American Gold Cup, HITS, WEF and in FEI competitions. He is also a ribbon winner at both Washington and Harrisburg in the 1.40m and competed at Madison Square Garden. He has dedicated countless hours over many years to ensure the creation and continuation of world-class show jumping opportunities in Canada. Equestrian Canada recognized Jeff as the 2021 EC Volunteer of the Year. Jeff and his wife, Muffie Guthrie, are the founders and organizers of the Canadian Hunter Derby Series.

An MBA graduate, Brandmaier has over 30 years of business experience culminating in several Fortune 500 executive positions.



## OHJA RECOGNIZES JUNIOR GRADUATES: CHILDREN'S AND JUNIOR RIDERS WHO CELEBRATE THEIR JUNIOR YEARS OF COMPETITION



*Katie Cohen*

Katie is looking forward to 2022 with plans to transition from the hunter ring to the jumper and equitation rings.



*Ellah Dubeau-Kielty*

Ellah plans to continue developing her skills and gaining experience as a rider, and hopes to further her education in the field of psychology.



*Abigail Fox*

Abigail now studies Animal and Dairy Sciences at Mississippi State University and competes on their hunt seat team. She plans to go to vet school.



*Jenna Gauthier*

Jenna plans to continue advancing and moving up heights in the jumper divisions, and she hopes to have her own barn in the future.



### *Taylor Gray*

Taylor is now studying business at Wilfrid Laurier University and competes with the Laurier Equestrian Team.



### *Sasha Maniaci*

Sasha is now studying biochemistry and computer science at the University of Toronto and plans to continue training and competing in 2022.



### *Gracie Phillips*

Gracie is now studying nursing at Trent University with hopes of working in paediatrics or the NICU. She plans to continue riding and showing.



### *Rylee Poole-Kohli*

Rylee has deferred her studies at the University of Toronto to further her career as a horsewoman, rider, and trainer. She has her sights set on Grand Prix classes.



### *Megan Robertson*

Megan is now studying at the University of Guelph and is looking forward to showing in the Amateur Owner division in 2022.



### *Catherine Mageau*

Catherine now attends the University of Toronto and is majoring in History and Contemporary Asian Studies.

## ONTARIO HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER 18-35

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Lafayette	Nathan Lefebvre
RESERVE:	Quincy	Sidney Jefferson

### CHILDREN'S WORKING HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Never Tell	Katherine Knapp
RESERVE:	Cosmopolitan	Madison Cadieux-Moran

### ADULT AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER 36+

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Holbrook	Natasha Skupsky
RESERVE:	Case Closed	Natasha Skupsky

### COMBINED WORKING HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Carrera S	Isabelle Lapierre
RESERVE:	Arkyle	Samantha Douglas

### AMATEUR WORKING HUNTER 3.0

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Quirocks	Jennifer Lecluse
RESERVE:	Northolt	Cindy Phillips-Wood

### CROSS RAIL HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Brookside Pretty Jozi	Ivy McEvoy
RESERVE:	Absolute Mischief	Estee Letimonier

### BABY GREEN HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Montague	Ainsley Vince
RESERVE:	Gordonhurst Sneak Peek	Denis Sweeney

### HIGH PERFORMANCE HUNTER 3'3" & 3'6"

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Paisley Park	Quincy Hayes
RESERVE:	Spectre	Taylor Brooks

### BEGINNER ADULT HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	All Inclusive	Hailey Bertrand-Sluman
RESERVE:	Vegastar Derek	Cheryl Hess

### JUNIOR/AMATEUR OWNER HUNTER 3'6"

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Kingsport	Ellah Dubeau-Kielty
RESERVE:	Round Midnight	Muffie Guthrie

### BEGINNER CHILDREN'S HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Calina K	Madeline Hall
RESERVE:	Tuxedo Junction	Stephanie Ross

### LARGE PONY HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Morton's Catog	Kailey Kaiser
RESERVE:	Entourage	Rhiya Armogan

### CHILDREN'S PONY HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Wray Acres Silver Bullet	Beatrice Sutcliffe
RESERVE:	Jane Russell	Karson O'Connor

### LOW ADULT HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Montague	Alana Aird
RESERVE:	Red Velvet	Helen Curtin

#### LOW CHILDREN'S HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Willy Wonka	Lila Bruun
RESERVE:	Ubiquitous	Siyona Roopchan

#### PRE-GREEN HUNTER LOW AND HIGH

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Lytton park	Denis Sweeney
RESERVE:	TellU2Nite	Kristjan Good

#### LOW JUNIOR/AMATEUR HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Angel Twist	Elissa Reisman
RESERVE:	Bancroft	Hilary Donaldson

#### SHORT STIRRUP

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	DD Acres Pop Tart	Scarlett McEvoy
RESERVE:	Ruffian	Charlotte Hall

#### MEDIUM PONY HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	iPony	Samantha Furanna
RESERVE:	Kiss Me Kate	Kailey Kaiser

#### SMALL PONY HUNTER

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Nickelodean	Eliot McCarthy
RESERVE:	Glitter and Gold	Laura Nosworthy

#### JUMP CANADA REGIONAL MEDAL FINAL

	RIDER
1st	Ellah Dubeau-Kielty
2nd	Rowen Hahn
3rd	Catherine Brown
4th	Tatum Horan
5th	Catherine O'Connor
6th	Averey-May Pritchard
7th	Emma Samuel

#### GRAND PRIX PONY MEDAL FINALS

	RIDER
1st	Cara Godwin
2nd	Avery Lehman
3rd	Kailey Kaiser
4th	Laura Nosworthy
5th	Rhiya Armogan
6th	Samantha Furanna
7th	Aarya Armogan
8th	Margaret Armstrong
9th	Isabelle Cass
10th	Eliot McCarthy

#### CANADIAN HUNTER DERBY EASTERN FINAL

	HORSE	RIDER
1st	California	Ainsley Vince
2nd	Air Boss	Kristjan Good
3rd	Blueberry Hill	Ellah Dubeau-Kielty
4th	Round Midnight	Muffie Guthrie
5th	Nitecap	Jeff Brandmaier
6th	Malahide	Alison MacDonald
7th	UFO De Nisi	Leanna Lazzari
8th	Carrera S	Isabelle Lapierre
9th	Stakkato Grande W	Kristjan Good

#### CANADIAN HUNTER DERBY 3'0" EASTERN FINAL

	HORSE	RIDER
1st	Converse	Kristjan Good
2nd	Carano	Kristjan Good
3rd	Colina	Hugh Graham
4th	Buckingham	Cawthra Burns
5th	Nykaenen	Averey-May Pritchard
6th	TellU2Nite	Jeff Brandmaier
7th	Cobalt Blue	Denis Sweeney
8th	Rio's Eclipse W	Kristjan Good
9th	Melbourne Z	Catherine O'Connor
10th	Jalisco	Taylor Gray

**OHJA JUNIOR/AMATEUR 3'0" HUNTER DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
1st	Angel Twist	Elissa Reisman
2nd	Cahill	Emily Rykert
3rd	Calvinaero	Victoria Sawrantschuk
4th	Jaguar	Madison Pickering
5th	Valentino	Paige Watkinson
6th	Paragon	Francesca Nella
7th	California	Victoria McDonald
8th	Willy Wonka	Isobel Bruun
9th	Wisteria BD	Alyssa Schiller
10th	Harper Lee	Kaitlyn McAleese

**THOROUGHBRED HUNTER CHALLENGE FINAL**

	HORSE	RIDER
1st	Roxborough	Denis Sweeney
2nd	Back to the Beginning	Jessica Blackwood
3rd	Northolt	Cindy Phillips-Wood
4th	Marauder	Jordan Hadler
5th	Juan Starry Night	Katie Uloth
6th	Heritage	Erin McCabe
7th	Remington	Brooklyn Albiston
8th	Peyton	Elyse Batista
9th	Hemingway	Lauren Phinney

## ONTARIO JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**1.35M OPEN JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Coconut	Mackenzie Wray
RESERVE:	Diana MZ	Sadie Leon

**1.00M JUNIOR/AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Happy Boy Van HetPalmenhof	Ariel Clark
RESERVE:	Ruby Red	Andy Rechsteiner

**1.30M JUNIOR/AMATEUR JUMPER CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Viva's Dolce W	Elyse Batista
RESERVE:	Gamble	Taylor Norman

**0.90M JUNIOR/AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Boss Van't Ameldonk Z	Malena Ruofan Jin
RESERVE:	First Impression	Jenna Boucher

**1.20M JUNIOR/AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Aces High	Rebecca Turnbull
RESERVE:	Qairdam De Belheme	Ashlyn Trevelyan

**0.80M JUNIOR/AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Struck By Luck	Riley Buitenhuis
RESERVE:	Dartagnan Z	Tristan Tobin

**1.10M JUNIOR/AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	First-Lente T.S.	Janet Jack
RESERVE:	Hero VanDeZonnehoeve	Ellie Ratcliff

**0.60M JUNIOR/AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

	HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION:	Flirting With Victory	Camden Conway-Shrigley
RESERVE:	Flyin' First Class	Madeline Sutcliffe

**PONY JUMPER**

HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION: Ulior De Hombourg	Mathilde Candele
RESERVE: Temper of Tony	Jessie Elford-Cooto

**6 YEAR OLD YOUNG HORSE FINAL**

HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION: Royaumme De Dieu	Yann Candele
RESERVE: Cidanos Z	Alexanne Thibault

**7 YEAR OLD YOUNG HORSE FINAL**

HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION: Jillz Queen	Kevin Maxie
RESERVE: Fliberty EDM Z	Tayo McLean

**5 YEAR OLD YOUNG HORSE FINAL**

HORSE	RIDER
CHAMPION: Laszla	Sarah Johnstone
RESERVE: Cilienna W	Peter Gisborn

**OHJA JUMPER MEDAL FINALS**

	RIDER
1st	Catherine O'Connor
2nd	Eva Kennedy
3rd	Mackenzie Solomon
4th	Alison MacDonald
5th	Avery-May Pritchard
6th	Lily White-Mitchell
7th	Ellah Dubeau-Kielty
8th	Emma Kemper
9th	Rowen Hahn

**CET REGIONAL MEDAL FINALS - OVERALL RESULTS**

	RIDER
1st	Ellah Dubeau-Kielty
2nd	Catherine Brown
3rd	Avery-May Pritchard
4th	Alison MacDonald
5th	Catherine O'Connor
6th	Tatum Horan
7th	Emma Kemper
8th	Rowen hahn

**OHJA/CET MINI-MEDAL REGIONAL FINALS - OVERALL RESULTS**

	RIDER
1st	Maya Woodbridge
2nd	Karagan Eccles
3rd	Ariel Clark
4th	Kyleigh Whitwell
5th	Victoria McDonald



Baby Green Hunter Year End Champion: Winter Harbour Owned by Joanna Estey and ridden By Denis Sweeney



Children's Hunter Reserve Champion Never Tell and Kate Knapp



Combined Hunters Year End Champion: Arkyle Owned by Andrea Clarke and ridden by Samantha Douglas



Pre Green Year End Champion:  
TellU2Nite Owned by Knightwood and  
ridden by Kristjan Good



Short Stirrup Champion, Faye Ferguson



Reserve Champion Large Pony Hunter  
High Tops and Cara Godwin



Junior Hunter Reserve Champion  
Nykaenen and Avery-May Pritchard



Short Stirrup Reserve Champion, Logan  
McDonell



Medium Pony Champion Blue Heels  
O Bella Vita Equestrian and Laura  
Noseworthy Noseworthy



OHJA volunteers Sharon Batista, Heather  
McCann-Cuddy, Diane Ratigan, Debbie  
Weir and Elizabeth Rous



Savannah Tuck and Northwind Marwyn  
are Champion in the Medium Pony  
Hunter



Champion, Walk Trot, Charlotte  
Morassutti



Pre Green Reserve Champ: Playwright  
Owned by Claudia Wagner Wilson and  
ridden by Kristjan Good



Blue Heels and Laura Noseworthy



Blackilino II and Jillian Nicholls



Glitter and Gold and Laura Noseworthy



Harper Lee and Kaitlyn McAleese



In Memoriam: Converse ridden and owned by Janice Carter



Beaujolais and Paige West



First Lente and Janet Jack



Rios Eclipse W and Wendy Good



Kalan and Jessica Hunter



Spectre and Taylor Brooks



San Raphaello and Paige Bain



Udo Z and Lauren Kirton



Mammoth and Nicole Verkindt



Klass Klever and Jessica Wang



Party on Burns and Lily Bruun



Buckingham and Cawthra Burns



California and Ainsley Vince



Wanderlust ridden by Emma Samuels



Cellini and Ava Campbell



Red Velvet ridden by Helen Curtin



Queen Tempi and Thorsten Traini



Cessaire and Brent Cuddy



Cordiano and Carrie Thomas



Blueberry Hill and Ellah Dubeau-Kielty



Fandiamo and Louis Delsignore











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# 2022 NATIONAL GOLD COMPETITIONS



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COMPETITION	LOCATION	DATE
Angelstone Winter I	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Mar 30 - Apr 3
Angelstone Winter II	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Apr 6 - 10
Angelstone Winter III	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Apr 20 - 24
Angelstone Winter IV	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Apr 27 - May 1
Caledon National Phase I	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	May 11 - 15
Caledon National Phase II	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	May 18 - 22
Ottawa Welcome	Wesley Clover Parks, Ottawa	May 26 - 29
Erin Welcome	Angelstone Tournaments, Rockwood	June 1 - 5
Headwaters Cup	Angelstone Tournaments, Rockwood	June 8 - 12
The National & Equitation Special	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	June 22 - 26
The Sportsman's Cup & Great Pony Challenge	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	June 29 - July 3
Ottawa Summer Tournament I	Wesley Clover Parks, Ottawa	July 6 - 10
Ten Sixty Stables Welcome	Ten Sixty Stables, Uxbridge	July 7 - 10
Ottawa Summer Tournament II	Wesley Clover Parks, Ottawa	July 13 - 17
Caledon Summer & Equitation Special	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	July 20 - 24
The International	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	July 27 - 31
Ten Sixty Stables Classic I	Ten Sixty Stables, Uxbridge	Aug 4 - 7
Major League Opener CSI2*	Angelstone Tournaments, Rockwood	Aug 10 - 14
Major League Show Jumping CSI5*/CSI 2*	Angelstone Tournaments, Rockwood	Aug 17 - 21
Major League Show Jumping CSI5*/CSI 2*	Wesley Clover Parks, Ottawa	Aug 24 - 28
Ten Sixty Stables Classic II	Ten Sixty Stables, Uxbridge	Aug 25 - 28
Labour Day Classic	Angelstone Tournaments, Rockwood	Aug 31 - Sep 4
Hunter Spectacular & Equitation Special	Angelstone Tournaments, Rockwood	Sep 7 - 11
Ottawa National	Wesley Clover Parks, Ottawa	Sep 15 - 18
The BFL Caledon Cup CSI2*	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Sep 21 - 25
The Outdoor Finale & Equitation Special	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Sep 28 - Oct 2
Ontario Hunter Finals / Equitation Finals	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Oct 12 - 16
Ontario Jumper Finals / Equitation Finals	Caledon Equestrian Park, Caledon	Oct 19 - 23
RAWF	Exhibition Place	Nov 4 - 13

\*Please keep in my mind that competition dates are subject to change. Please continue to monitor schedules periodically for the most current information.