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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Michelle C. Dunn

The holiday season is upon us, bringing together friends and family to celebrate. It's a special time with our horses as well since horse owners love showering their equine partners with goodies and treats to toast the season.

A group of equestrians that should be celebrated during this special season is the grooms who work tirelessly for the health and well-being of our horses. These hard-working individuals toil very long hours, often in difficult conditions, without complaint because they love what they do and are dedicated to ensuring their charges' welfare and happiness. They are the first to arrive in the morning at the barn or the show to feed, muck, clean tack, etc., and are usually the last to leave after night check, making sure their four-legged friends are happily ensconced in their stalls with all their needs attended to. Our high performance athletes in particular know the true value of a highly-trained groom to keep their equine partners at the top of their game for big competitions.

We should all raise a toast to our diligent grooms and barn employees who help us keep our horses so happy and healthy.

Wishing all equestrians everywhere a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and all the best for the new year.

Respectfully yours,

Pamela E. Law

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Chair, Jumping Committee

We salute all of the extraordinary individuals who contribute to our sport's success.

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Miranda Burruano led the victory gallop following her win in the Jump Canada Medal Final riding Quixote, her 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding.

YOUNG GUNS! PROFILING MIRANDA BURRUANO

An Unexpected Journey to her Jump Canada Medal Final Victory **By Emily Riden**

Five years ago, as Miranda Burruano went through what had become a frequent routine of wiping off sand and picking herself back up after falling off of her new horse, Quixote, she never would have guessed that he would one day become her most trusted equitation partner.

And only six months ago as Burruano, 18, battled mononucleosis (mono) and missed horse show after horse show, she didn't think she and her Oldenburg gelding would still have time to qualify for the Jump Canada Medal Final held at Toronto's Royal Horse Show from November 2 to 11. In fact, only two weeks before The Royal, Burruano found herself still sitting on the waiting list for the year-end national final.

On November 6, Burruano and Quixote defied the odds and exceeded all of Burruano's own expectations to win in the 2018 Jump Canada Medal Final.

"I never thought I would win, especially after this year," said Burruano through tears following her victory. "It's a huge accomplishment. It's one of my biggest dreams."

The Road to The Royal
Burruano's road to the fulfillment of that dream began at the young age of four, when she started taking riding lessons at a barn close to her family's home in Orchard Park, NY.

"I just fell in love with it," said Burruano, who was born in Toronto, ON, and has dual U.S. and Canadian citizenship.

Burruano began training with Jennifer Ramsey and then moved to Chris Delia Stables in Burlington, ON. In 2013, she began to train with Ainsley Vince, the 1994 winner of what is now known as the Jump Canada Medal Final, and her younger sister, Courtney, at Linden Ridge, also based in Burlington, ON. Burruano bought her first horse eight years ago while training with Delia.

"His name is GI Joe; I still have him," she said. "He's like our baby."

With GI Joe, Burruano contested the children's jumpers and the equitation divisions before beginning the search for a new, competitive equitation horse. Enter Quixote, a now 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Quidam de Revel that she found on a horse-shopping trip to Florida in early 2016.

"He was very, very different from anything that I had ever ridden," said Burruano. "He was a bit lazier. I definitely had some struggles with that, and honestly, I fell off every single day at least once. It was a little bit of a disaster."

Burruano, however, was not one to give up.

Miranda Burruano, 18, was all smiles after hearing her name announced as the winner of the 2018 Jump Canada Medal Final at the Royal Horse Show.

Miranda Burruano was presented as the winner of the Jump Canada Medal Final and received the Leslie P. Usherwood Memorial Trophy and a plate donated by the Usherwood family.

"[Quixote] had been a jumper, and he had been in Europe for most of his life," said Courtney. "I think to go from that to a tiny girl was an adjustment for the horse as well, but she worked hard. Whenever we ran into a problem, if Ainsley and I were a little bit erring on the side of caution, she was always the one who would say, 'I want to learn, and I want to get it with him. I want to learn how.' That's her personality, and that's the trait that stands out the most to me - her determination and her will to work through problems."

Over time, with Burruano's hard work and Courtney and Ainsley's instruction, Burruano and Quixote's relationship progressed. By 2017, they were consistently among the top performers in the Jump Canada Medal classes held throughout the season to earn a spot in the 2017 Jump Canada Medal Final, where Burruano and Quixote ultimately finished as the reserve champion in the prestigious year-end final.

Defying the Odds
With such a solid 2017 show circuit under her belt, Burruano set her sights on similar goals for 2018, with hopes of again contesting the Jump Canada Medal Final. The year, however, would pan out a bit differently than Burruano had planned.

As the spring and summer show season got underway in May, Burruano opted to forego the first few horse shows on the Linden Ridge calendar in order to finish her senior year of high school and attend her high school graduation. Then in June, just as Burruano was beginning to hit the ground running with the goal of again qualifying for The Royal, the now college freshman contracted mono.

"I couldn't ride for five weeks," explained Burruano, who has 16-year-old twin siblings but is the only member of the Burruano family who rides. "Then I was just riding my horses, trying to get as much time in as I could, and we tried to get me to as many shows as we could. I tried to do well every time out."

Two weeks before the Royal Horse Show however, it was uncertain if Burruano's successes at the horse shows she had managed to attend would be enough. She sat one position away from qualifying for the Jump Canada Medal Final until the odds played out in her favour.

"Someone dropped out, so I ended up making it in" said Burruano. "It is crazy to think that I wasn't even supposed to be in it!"

Clinching the Championship Title
With such a tumultuous and unpredictable year leading up to The Royal, Burruano was ecstatic to have once again qualified, so winning was not necessarily even on her radar.

"I was just trying to ride my best," said Burruano. "I wasn't even trying to win; I was just trying to have a solid round."

And have a solid round she did. Twenty-five top equitation riders contested the initial jumping round of the Jump Canada Medal Final on Tuesday, November 6. After delivering a seamless first round over the 12-obstacle course designed by Rob Carey, Burruano decisively punched her ticket to be among the top eight riders invited back for the flat phase.

"The first round, I was really nervous," said Burruano. "I was anxious about everything, and then the flat was good. I thought I probably could have done better, but I thought I did okay."

Judges Kitty Barker and Rob Bielefeld deemed Burruano's flat phase more than okay, ranking her in third and giving her the opportunity to come back among the top four for a final test. Joining Burruano for the test were Mikayla Brabant, Ellah Dubeau-Kielty, and 2017 defending champion, Sam Walker.

Burruano was the second rider to execute the test, and her smooth and near flawless trip over the short course, which included both a trot fence and a fence taken from the counter-canter, proved that she was a serious contender for the win. As the two remaining riders to return incurred minor errors, Burruano ultimately made her way to the top of the judges' cards for the victory with Walker of Nobleton, ON, settling for second riding Willem. Dubeau-Kielty of Burlington, ON, took third riding Cupidon while Mikayla Brabant, 17, of Chestermere, AB, rounded out the top four aboard Cortofino, a seven-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Spruce Meadows Ltd.

"It was just awesome," said Burruano, whose victory marked the conclusion of her junior riding career, as she is now aging out of the division. "I have to thank my parents and my trainers, Ainsley and Courtney Vince. They're so supportive; they're really always positive. They have put in so much work and time and patience. I'm so grateful to them. It was a long journey for sure."

"This year and last year have been great for her, and her parents have been so supportive," said Ainsley, a two-time Canadian Show Jumping Champion. "She's a great kid, and they're a great family. She is great to work with; she's a really, really hard worker, so it was so rewarding to see her win this year."

"Having her persevere through a difficult couple of months and be able to win was a really proud moment for all of us," added Courtney.

As she ends her junior career on a high note, Burruano's time riding Quixote is also coming to an end as the horse is now offered for sale. She has turned her focus to her studies and to advancing in the jumper ring aboard d'Ophelia, a 10-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare that she competed in the Junior Jumper division at this year's Royal.

"I really try to devote most of my time to riding because I love it so much," said Burruano, who is currently a freshman pursuing a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences at the University of Guelph in Ontario. "I would love to do Young Riders' with her one day. That's definitely a goal of mine.

"Right now, after all that we've been through, ending the year with the Jump Canada Medal win was really rewarding," concluded Burruano. "It was a great experience; I couldn't have asked for anything more, that's for sure!"

DIXSON RETIRED AT ROYAL HORSE SHOW

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Ian Millar's long-time mount, Dixson, a 2003 bay Belgian Warmblood gelding (Vigo d'Arsouilles x Olisco) was retired during the 2018 Royal Horse Show. The pair made their debut together at the beginning of the 2013 show season and went on to enjoy six seasons together.

The pair represented Canada at the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Normandy, France, before returning home to win the $1,500,000 CP International at the CSIO5* Spruce Meadows 'Masters' tournament. The following year, Millar and Dixson were members of the gold medal team at the 2015 Pan American Games held on home soil in Toronto, ON. This was especially thrilling as Dixson's owners, the late Susan Grange and her daughter, Ariel Grange, lived nearby and had hosted the Canadian Show Jumping Team training camp at their Lothlorien facility in Cheltenham, ON.

In 2016, the pair earned the Canadian Show Jumping Championship title. In his final year of competition, Dixson jumped double clear with Millar to lead Canada to victory in the $450,000 Longines Nations' Cup at CSIO5* HITS Ocala, FL.

Dixson will enjoy his retirement at Lothlorien, having claimed several grand prix titles and represented Canada in numerous Nations' Cup competitions during his illustrious show career.

ROYAL HORSE SHOW PHOTO GALLERY

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Adam Cromarty and Jon Garner provided the colour commentary.

Canadian Olympians Beth Underhill and Ian Millar acknowledged the appreciative crowd.

Dave Ballard on the course walk.

Danny Ingratta presents Calvin Klein at the FEI Horse Inspection.

Alexanne Thibault and Chacco Prime contested the Uplands Under 25 National Championship.

Royal Horse Show Ring Committee member and Honourary Governor Fran McAvity and John Taylor, Ground Jury member.

Ali Ramsay was thrilled to finish third in the $205,000 Longines FEI Jumping World CupTM Toronto, presented by GroupBy.

Canadian Show Jumping Championship contenders Karen Sparks (left) and Ainsley Vince watched the action unfold.

Julia Madigan and Farfelu du Printemps were named the Uplands Under 25 National Champions.

Amy Millar and Heros came oh-so-close to defending their Canadian Show Jumping Championship title by finishing runner-up.

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) Vice President Mark Samuel during a course walk.

Nicole Walker (left) aboard Falco van Spieveld and Amy Millar riding Heros finished one-two in the 2018 Canadian Show Jumping Championships.

CANADIAN SUCCESS CONTINUED AT TORONTO'S ROYAL HORSE SHOW

Canadian talent was showcased at this year's Royal Horse Show, held as part of the 96th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in downtown Toronto. Opening weekend saw Nicole Walker claim her first Canadian Show Jumping Championship title, Toronto's own Jordan Macpherson top the National 1.40m Junior/Amateur Championship, presented by Dominion Regalia, and Kilby Brunner Deforest earn the Royal All-Canadian Pony Jumper Championship title, presented by MarBill Hill Farm.

The cream continued to rise to the top as the 10-day Royal Horse Show marched into its second week.

Isabelle Lapierre

Isabelle Lapierre of Lévis, QC, rode Carrera S to victory in the $25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby on Tuesday, November 6. Having won Sunday's $15,000 Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby, Lapierre and Carrera S, an eight-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by Johannie Légaré, had the advantage of being the final entry to navigate the course designed by Rob Carey on Tuesday night. Judges Kitty Barker and Rob Bielefeld awarded Lapierre an overall score of 109, including a base score of 93 coupled with handy and high option bonus points, to place the pair at the top of the leaderboard. Finishing second with an overall score of 107 were Erynn Ballard of Tottenham, ON, and Enchanted, owned by Christel Weller.

As the highest scoring pair in both the Braeburn Farms Hunter Derby and the Knightwood Hunter Derby, Lapierre and Carrera S were presented with the Lorna Jean Guthrie Challenge Trophy as the Canadian Hunter Derby Champion.

"Maybe the best thing is to retire from doing hunter derbies!" joked Lapierre of winning Canada's highest hunter derby honour. "To win, it's like a dream."

The Eastern and Western Canadian Hunter Derby Series champions were also recognized. The $10,000 Prince of Thieves Go West Trophy, presented by Jump Canada, was awarded to Lapierre and Carrera S as the Eastern Canadian Champions while the $10,000 Represent the West Championship, also presented by Jump Canada, was given to Kassidy Keith and Carivero, owned by Miranda Lebeuf, as the Western Canadian Champions.

Sam Walker

Fresh off his victory in the prestigious ASPCA Maclay National Final at the National Horse Show in Lexington, KY, on November 4 – where he became only the fourth Canadian winner in the event's storied history – Sam Walker of Nobleton,

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Isabelle Lapierre of Lévis, QC, riding Carrera S won the $25,000 Knightwood Hunter Derby on Tuesday, November 6, at the Royal Horse Show.

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Hot off his victory in the ASPCA Maclay National Final, Sam Walker returned home to Canada to win the Running Fox CET Medal riding Willem at the Royal Horse Show.

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"It feels a little bit surreal!" said Walker of his dual wins, first aboard Waldo on Sunday at the National Horse Show and then four days later riding Nicole Loochtan's Willem, a last-minute substitution after the horse Walker intended to ride was sold.

"He came up here for the CET Medal from Castlewood Farm in Wellington, FL," said Walker, who trains with his parents, Scott and Dee Walker of Forest Hill Farm in Caledon, ON, and John Brennan and Missy Clark at North Run in Warren, VT. "He was amazing this week; I couldn't be happier with how he performed. I'm just really grateful that I got the opportunity to ride him."

Reserve Champion in the Running Fox CET Medal National Final was Beatrice Daviault of Saint-Damase, QC, riding Lia while third place went to Mackenzy Nadeau of Carleton Place, ON, aboard Ferraro K, owned by Brookstreet Stables. Kyara Semrau of Foothills, AB, rounded out the top four with Cori Coletta.

Julia Madigan
Julia Madigan of Vancouver, BC, claimed the Uplands Under 25 National Championship on November 10, the final Saturday of the Royal Horse Show. Having won Thursday's opening speed phase, Madigan had the advantage of being the last to go in Saturday's all-deciding final phase. Riding Farfelu du Printemps, a 13-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by her father, John Madigan, Madigan jumped clear to advance to a five-horse jump-off where she eventually placed third.

With the most points overall, Madigan scored her first Under 25 National Championship title. Brennan McCullagh, 19, of Stonewall, MB, was named the Under 25 Reserve Champion following his win in Saturday's class riding WKM Xenia, his eight-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare.

"It's pretty special to have won," said Madigan, 22, who returned to this year's Royal as the defending National Junior/Amateur Champion and stepped up into the Under 25 ranks. "I think the Under 25 is a bit more competitive and a bit bigger than the Junior/Amateur division so it's an extra boost for me."

A full-time mechanical engineering student at Queen's University, Madigan trains with Canadian Olympic silver medalist Jill Henselwood at Juniper Farms in Oxford Mills, ON. In 2017, Madigan and Farfelu du Printemps won individual gold and team silver medals for Canada in the Young Rider division at the North American Junior and Young Rider Championships in Saugerties, NY.

Keean White and Leilani
During the farewell to the 2018 Royal Horse Show on Saturday night, Keean White of Rockwood, ON, was presented with the Leading Canadian Rider Award based on his consistent performances throughout the international division. Additionally, White's mount Leilani, an eight-year-old grey Oldenburg mare owned by Lisa Marie Gauthier and Angelstone Farm, claimed the All-Canadian Cup as the leading Canadian-owned horse. The All-Canadian Cup was established by the late Susan Grange and presented by the Grange family representing Lothlorien Farm of Cheltenham, ON.

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Julia Madigan of Vancouver, BC, proudly displayed her hardware after claiming the Uplands Under 25 National Championship on November 10 at the Royal Horse Show.

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Keean White of Rockwood, ON, took home the Leading Canadian Rider and the Leading Canadian-Owned Horse titles from the 2018 Royal Horse Show.

JUMP CANADA HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES 2018 INDUCTEES

On November 4, 2018, four new inductees were welcomed into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame. Since its inception in 2006, a total of 57 champions have been honoured for their contributions to Canadian hunter/jumper sport. In this issue, we take a look at the accomplishments of 2018 inductee, Lou Carpenter, in the category of Builder (Individual).

Builder (Individual) – Lou Carpenter

Born in Regina, Saskatchewan, Lucille "Lou" Carpenter has a long legacy in equestrian sport. Her contributions span the realms of rider, breeder, and, most importantly, teacher.

From her early beginnings at the age of five when Carpenter would ride the milkman's horse to help make deliveries, her love of horses led to a lifetime of involvement. Carpenter was one of the first female professional riders in Canada, training off-the-track Thoroughbreds for jumping competition for the Tullis family in Regina in the 1940s. She later founded what is believed to be one of the first purveyors of English riding equipment in western Canada, The Tack Store.

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Lucille "Lou" Carpenter (seated) pictured with 11 of her grandchildren at the 2018 Jump Canada Hall of Fame Gala.

When the family moved to Winnipeg, Carpenter founded Marshall Brook Farm and hired Major Kulesha from Poland to help everyone, herself included, improve their riding skills. Generously sharing her knowledge of all things equine, Carpenter founded the Assiniboine Pony Club in Manitoba. As District Commissioner, she did everything from hosting shows and clinics to organizing certifications and hiring the examiners. Demonstrating her range in the horse world, she also had harness show ponies.

When her family moved to the Toronto area in the mid-'60s, "Mumma Lou" as she was affectionately known, took on the role of District Commissioner for the North York Pony Club, guiding and influencing many people who remain involved in the sport today.

Short-listed for Canadian Three Day Event Team for the 1967 Pan American Games, Carpenter was an all-round competitor who whipped-in for the Toronto Hunt and once earned a standing ovation from all three judges for her stunning round aboard The Artful Dodger in a Hunter Derby competition held in Palgrave, ON. She was a regular competitor in the Hunt Team competitions held at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in the 1980s.

Courtesy of the Carpenter family

Lucille "Lou" Carpenter was inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame in the category of "Builder – Individual."

Carpenter was also successful as a breeder. One of the horses she bred, French Leave, won the Governor General's Cup in the 1970s before going on to a successful jumping and equitation career in the U.S. where he won the inaugural USEF Talent Search Finals in 1982. The French Leave Memorial Trophy is now given in his name each year to the winner of the USEF Talent Search Finals – East winner. Two other horses that Carpenter bred from the same mare, Shakespeare and Classic, both excelled in Canadian and U.S. show jumping competition.

The love of horse sport is a legacy Carpenter has passed down through the generations. Her passion has inspired several of her six children, 14 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren to pursue successful professional careers in the show jumping, polo, and Thoroughbred racing industries.

Her induction into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame as Builder is not based on a single accomplishment, but rather the myriad of ways that Carpenter contributed to the support and growth of hunter and jumper sport in Canada.

Presented by Sam-Son Farm

To watch the tribute video highlighting Carpenter's accomplishments, click here.

OLE (1996 - 2018)

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Ole, Mac Cone's Olympic team silver medal partner, died on November 23, 2018, at the age of 22. Born in 1996, Ole was a Dutch Warmblood gelding (Burggraaf x Dukaat) owned by Sara Houstoun and Larry Evoy.

Cone and Ole made their debut together in Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) level competition in 2006 and went on to enjoy a long career together, highlighted by claiming the team silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The pair also won the 2009 Canadian Show Jumping Championship title at the Royal Horse Show and were members of Canada's winning team in the Nations' Cup at the 2010 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Ole was retired from FEI-level competition during the 2013 show season.

TEAM CANADA WELCOMES TIM WILKS

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Tim Wilks will now officially represent Canada in international show jumping competition. The 23-year-old competed at the 2012 European Junior Championship as well as the 2016 European Young Riders' Championship for Great Britain. Based in Europe, Wilks is currently ranked in the top 500 on the Longines World Rider Ranking list.

Tim Wilks and Quelbora Merze competing in the Longines Masters of Paris on November 29.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR SOUGHT

Equestrian Canada (EC) is currently accepting applications for the position of Youth Development Advisor – Jumping on a part-time contract basis. The successful candidate will lead the EC Jumping Youth Development Program. Now entering its third year, the program has the key objective of creating a clear progression for youth athletes from Talent ID (Children's, Junior, Young Rider, and U25), to the National level (NextGen and Senior Team) and ultimately to podium performance on the world stage.

The ideal candidate will be a passionate professional with strong organizational skills and should be comfortable with frequent, clear, and concise communication to all stakeholders. Reporting directly to the Manager of Sport – Jumping, the Youth Development Advisor works in close collaboration with the EC Jumping Department.

Resumes, along with cover letter, should be submitted to **khendry-ouellette@equestrian.ca** before 5 p.m. ET on Friday, December 21, 2018. For full job description, click **here**.

LONGINES WORLD RIDER RANKINGS

TOP 20 CANADIAN RIDERS *as of November 30, 2018*

9.	Eric Lamaze	2620		262.	Ali Ramsay	715
101.	Tiffany Foster	1318		306. (tie)	Jim Ifko	630
104.	Mario Deslauriers	1310		306. (tie)	Beth Underhill	630
128.	Erynn Ballard	1215		356.	Lisa Carlsen	550
131.	Keean White	1195		431.	François Lamontagne	420
194.	Vanessa Mannix	910		436.	Ben Asselin	418
214.	Jonathon Millar	848		452.	Nicole Walker	395
219.	Kara Chad	825		479.	Jenn Serek	370
235.	Ian Millar	782		495. (tie)	Hyde Moffatt	350
246.	Susan Horn	750		495. (tie)	Tim Wilks	350
				495. (tie)	Rachel Cornacchia	350

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