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HITS Ocala RIBBONS AND RESULTS Weeks 6 and 8



Caitlyn Shiels and Cassius



Michelle Durpetti and Serafina. Photo by Fine Art Horses

In Week VI, Cassius, owned by Michelle Durpetti, stole the show! He swept all four of the High Performance Hunter over-fences classes to win the championship, and he finished second in the \$5,000 USHJA National Derby.

Cassius was not the only winning Durpetti though! Michelle Durpetti also rode Serafina to a win in the Medium Adult Amateur Jumpers.

In the Low Amateur-Owner Jumpers, Marisa Malevitis rode KT Forest to a third place finish in the \$2,500 Pyranha Jumper Classic.

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HITS Ocala RIBBONS AND RESULTS Week 9



Caitlyn Shiels and Incorporated. Photo by Fine Art Horses



Marisa Malevitis and KT Forest. Photo by Fine Art Horses

Week IX saw top four finishes for Michelle Durpetti, Marisa Malevitis, and Caitlyn Shiels!

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In the NEWS

"You need a network of people who you can count on when you need them, and you need to be that person for others." - Caitlyn Shiels

Caitlyn routinely blogs for **The Chronicle of the Horse** and this month, she's talking about a belief that our entire True North team shares, that "Attitude And Honesty Can Open A Lot Of Doors."

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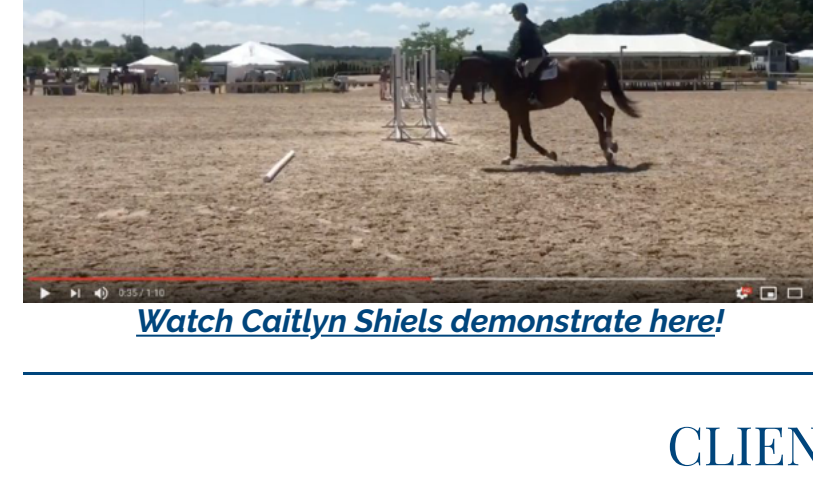
Caitlyn Shiels. Photo by Fine Art Horses

Tip OF THE MONTH

Go back to the ground poles!

Straightforward ground pole work can be extremely beneficial in encouraging a horse to develop better rhythm and balance through the hindend, as well as improving timing and adjustability.

To do the exercise at home, set ground poles four to five strides apart, allowing 9'-11' per stride. Start by cantering through the line of ground poles at a regular working canter until comfortable.



[Watch Caitlyn Shiels demonstrate here!](#)

Cantering Ground Poles

Allow 9'-11' per stride between each ground pole.

Then, begin adjusting your horse's stride through the line; extend the canter enough to leave out one stride between each set of poles, and similarly, shorten and collect the canter enough to add an additional stride.

CLIENT Spotlight



We're so proud of all that our clients accomplish - both in and out of the show ring!

This month, Michelle Durpetti of Chicago, IL, (who shows in the amateur-owner hunters and the adult jumpers) made headlines in **Sidelines magazine** and with the launch of **her own website!** Be sure check them both out [here](#) and [here!](#)



[Read about True North rider Michelle Durpetti in Sidelines here!](#)



Congratulations to Corporate Way, LLC's Subject to Change, champion of the Large Junior 15 & Under Hunters with Natalie Jayne during WEF Week 8!

"Through her connections, Caitlyn had Heritage Farm help me with one junior hunter that we were trying to get points on. Caitlyn's super easy to work with and very good at what she does. Obviously the horse world becomes our life, and it's very consuming, but it's not a stressful, frantic, crazy sort of atmosphere with Caitlyn. She listened to everything that I said about the horses, and, with her knowledge, used that to get everything on track. Within a month, we've come a lot further than I ever imagined!" - Shaun Sellers, barn manager for Corporate Way Farm, after the Corporate Way horses joined the True North team this winter! (Thanks, Shaun!)



Caitlyn Shiels and Corporate Way, LLC's Incorporated. Photo by Fine Art Horses

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in Illinois, Kentucky, and Traverse City this spring and summer!

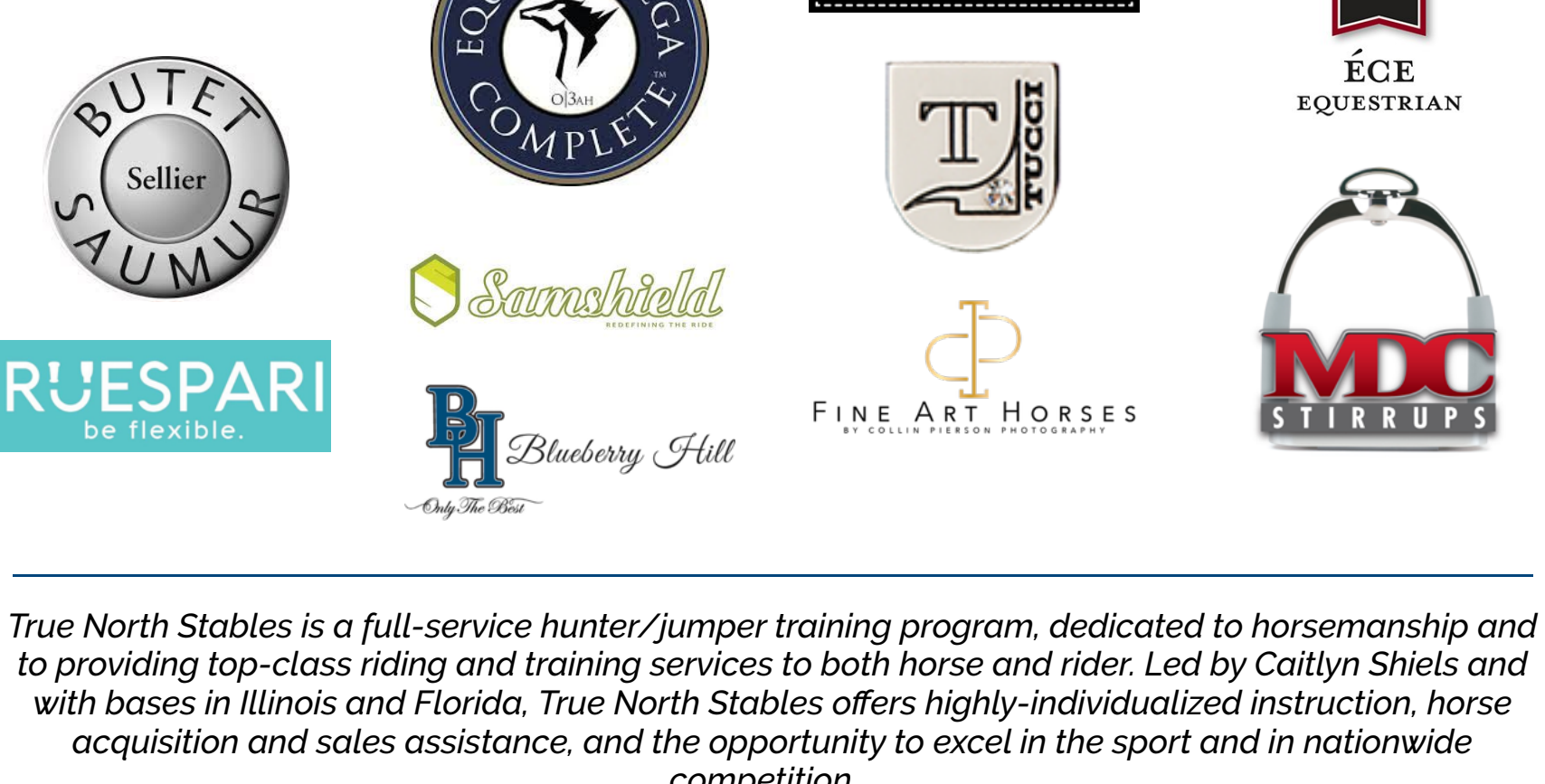
Train With TRUE NORTH This Summer

Finalizing your summer horse showing and training plans? True North has limited spaces available for new clients looking to train or compete in Illinois, Kentucky, and at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival in Traverse City, Michigan!

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True North Stables is a full-service hunter/jumper training program, dedicated to horsemanship and to providing top-class riding and training services to both horse and rider. Led by Caitlyn Shiels and with bases in Illinois and Florida, True North Stables offers highly-individualized instruction, horse acquisition and sales assistance, and the opportunity to excel in the sport and in nationwide competition.

ABOUT CAITLYN SHIELS

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