



Fall 2020 News

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With a slower season behind us, we're back in horse show mode at Stonehenge Stables! The team returned to New Jersey last week from Tryon International Equestrian Center, where our riders and trainers picked up great ribbons and had plenty of learning opportunities.

Now, we are gearing up for the National Horse Show before making final arrangements for the winter season in Florida. Read on to see some of our fearless leaders in the press and catch up with results from Tryon.

### Free Rein with: Max Amaya

#### *The Chronicle of the Horse*

Max Amaya wakes up seven days a week with the same level of drive and intensity that saw him dedicate his life to horses 28 years ago. "Every day I wake up and I say, 'I don't want to fail. I don't want to not be able to achieve this. I want this horse to be well. I want this horse to do good. I want this rider to succeed,'" said Amaya.



Max Amaya and Poncho. Photo by [Jump Media](#)

"In my personal space, I can only be in charge of my actions not to fail. When I'm dealing with riders and students, not only do I have to try to not fail myself, but also, I have to persuade that person not to give up in order to not fail. So, it's challenging, but it's what keeps me going."

Amaya founded the Colts Neck, New Jersey, and Wellington, Florida-based Stonehenge Farm in 2006. He trains the next generation of jumper and equitation riders, and he's been instrumental in the development of riders like Brianne Goutal, Jessica Springsteen and TJ O'Mara.

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### Riding Full Circle with TJ O'Mara

#### *The Plaid Horse*



TJ O'Mara and Max Amaya discuss strategy prior to the Platinum Performance/USEF Talent Search Finals in 2016. Photo courtesy of TJ O'Mara.

TJ O'Mara has become a household name for anyone looking to achieve success in the equitation.

With accolades such as the 2016 Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals, the 2016 Pessoa/US Hunter Seat Medal Finals, and the 2016 George H. Morris Excellence in Equitation Championship, he has clearly proven himself as a rider and a competitor, having conquered the equitation and now moving into the grand prix rings.

But his story cannot be told without going back to his roots in the sport, and how he has evolved with the very program where he began.

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### Back in the Ring and Back in the Ribbons in Tryon

The team made it back to Tryon, North Carolina, for the Tryon Fall 4 and 5 shows, October 6 - 11 and October 13 - 18, and also competed in several of the finals that took place there this year.

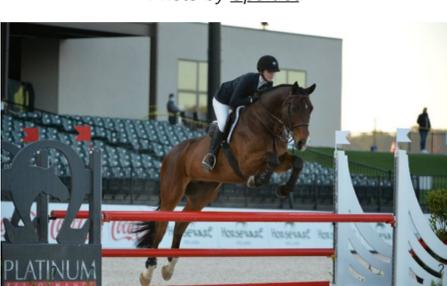
Thank you to the Tryon International Equestrian Center for all of the efforts put forth to allow us to be a part of these stellar weeks of competition while maintaining everyone's health and safety. Thank you to all of our clients and staff for a great two weeks showing in the beautiful North Carolina mountains.



TJ O'Mara and Igor de Himbe took home Reserve Champion in the DJS 6-Year-Old Jumper 1.30m. Photo by [Sportfot](#).



Anna Robson and Fallina in the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumpers. Photo by [Sportfot](#).



Chloe Terestechenko and Capitaine de Flobecq in the Platinum Performance/USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Finals - East. Photo by [Kind Media](#).



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Not pictured, but also earning great ribbons at Tryon were:

Carlee McCutcheon and Rock Steady took home 2nd in the ASPCA Maclay and 8th in the WIHS Hunter Phase

Raleigh Hiler and Cassina 64 had a top-eight finish in the High Junior/Amateur Jumpers and a top-five finish with Herald Van't Ruytershot in the Medium Junior/Amateur Jumpers

Victor Amaya and Zorrochello were winners in the 1.0m Jumpers and 2nd in the 1.10m Jumpers

Lauren McCaulley and Hinosa C were 2nd in the NAL/WIHS Children's Jumper Classic and 1st in the 1.0m Jumpers

Annabel Revers was a contender in both weeks' FEI competitions. She took a top-10 finish in the FEI \$6,000 Stake 1.45m with H&M Carat Desire and several top ten ribbons in the Hbo Junior/Amateur Jumpers with lbbo van T'Keldertje

Kristan Lassiter and Equest VDL had a top-six finish in the Adult Amateur Jumpers

### Equitation Tips from TJ

With several Equitation Finals already behind us, we look ahead to the ASPCA Maclay National Championship, happening on Sunday, November 1, at the National Horse Show in Lexington, Kentucky.

Events like these can bring quite a bit of pressure, but Stonehenge is here to offer expertise in how to manage that pressure and properly prepare.

Hear from past Equitation Champion TJ O'Mara about how to prepare for an Equitation Final of any kind, so you can be best equipped for Maclay Finals 2020 and for other Equitation Finals in years to come.



### Fall Show Schedule

October 23 - November 1  
National Horse Show - Lexington, KY



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Stonehenge Stables' New Jersey farm is easily accessible from New York City and the tri-state area, with students of varying levels coming to train at Stonehenge from across the United States. Stonehenge provides a range of training from short stirrup to grand prix, but one priority is always shared: the horses always come first. Learn more or inquire about training with Stonehenge Stables by visiting [www.StonehengeStables.com](http://www.StonehengeStables.com).