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2011 FEI World Jumping Challenge – Press Release



Claire Howard & Just a Rose
2010 FEI WJC Category A - Winner
(photo courtesy of Sue Correia)

On Saturday and Sunday March 26th and 27th respectively, Bermuda's equestrians and their talented horses will be compete in the 2011 FEI World Jumping Challenge. This competition is entering its 31st year.

The 2010 competition was held back in November and Category A was won by Claire Howard and her mount Just a Rose. This winning team along with fourteen other equestrians will compete in the three categories of the competition, Category A, with the height and width of the jumps set at 1.20m and 1.30m respectively. Category B will see the height and width set at 1.10m and 1.20m, with the Category C which sees the most entries set at 1.00m height and 1.10m width.

From the 2009 competition, Claire Howard and Melinda DeCosta finished first and second in our Zone and as a result earned a spot to at the final competition. In December 2010 they traveled to compete in the FEI World Jumping Challenge Final at Club Ecuestre El Cortijo, Guatemala City which attracted a field of 22 riders from 15 countries. Howard placed second overall.

The competition will start at 9:15 with the first horse in Category A. Categories B and C will follow. The competition will start at 9 a.m. on Sunday with Category C leading the way, followed by B and finishing up with A. The competition should be fierce with some of Bermuda's best horses competing as well as some relatively new comers to the show jumping scene.

The competitors consist of:

CAT A	No	Horse	Rider
1	277	JUST A ROSE	CLAIRE HOWARD
2	278	SCOOBY DOO	MICHAEL RODRIGUES
CAT B	No	Horse	Rider
3	279	L.A. BALTIC STAR	CHRISTY HOLDER
4	280	MR. SANDMAN	FRANCES WEDDUP
5	281	WANDERPREIS	ALISON DYER-FAGUNDO
6	282	SOMERS BELLE	JAYLYNN HINES
7	283	SWIFT CURRENT	NICK DECOSTA
CAT C	No	Horse	Rider
8	284	WIRIANA	SUZETTE SAILSMAN
9	285	BOOM BOOM POW	SONIA RINGER
10	286	BAILEY'S BAY	TYLER LOPES
11	287	WOODGATE	ANN LINDROTH
12	288	SOUTHERN ECLIPSE	MICHAEL RODRIGUES
13	289	STARSTRUCK	MCKEISHA SMITH
14	293	MY HAZEL	CATRINA SIMS
15	294	JOHNNY BE GOOD	MELINDA DECOSTA

The community should come out to the National Equestrian Centre in Vesey Street Devonshire to watch some exciting horse jumping! You will see most of the same horse and rider combinations at the Annual Exhibition in April.

Our organizers are grateful to the many volunteers who will be there to fulfill the many required assignments during the weekend. Without these individuals there would be no competition. This year's courses have been designed by FEI International Course Designer Mr. Louis Konickx of The Netherlands with Steve Gibbons, Ian Truran and Paul Pereg along with the many volunteers who will ensure that the courses are built to required specifications. The FEI Foreign Judge and Technical Delegate will be Mr. Cezar Hirsch from Venezuela who was assisted by FEI local judges Judy Hagen and Mary Frances Gaglio. There will be a canteen on site being run by The Driving Horse and Pony Club.

Good luck to all the competitors in this weekend's competition.