

## STEPHANIE WILKINSON SHOW JUMPING



Stephanie is the daughter of Tony & Linda Wilkinson. At the age of six she began riding lessons at Lee Bow Riding Centre. For the past three years she has been coached by Nick Decosta at Inwood Stables.

Stephanie has competed in numerous competitions both locally and overseas. In 2004, at the age of 14, she was awarded the BHPA Rising Star Scholarship, which afforded her the opportunity of traveling to the UK to train with Patrick Nisbett. While there she competed in several show jumping competitions including Hickstead and Wales and West.

Stephanie has represented Bermuda at the Caribbean Equestrian Association competitions in Trinidad (2003 / 2006) and Bermuda (2007). She also competed in Columbia (2007). In August of 2006 she represented Bermuda at The Gran Copa International Show Jumping Competition in Puerto Rico, her most successful overseas competition to date, where she competed at 1.20m and was Overall Junior Champion in the 15-18 years category.

After being awarded the 2007 Bermuda Government Junior Elite Athlete Scholarship and the 2007 BHPA Rising Star Scholarship, Stephanie had the opportunity to spend the month of August 2007 in Kentucky, training and competing at Level 7, 1.35 - 1.40m on her leased horse, "Just in Time."

Stephanie is now preparing to compete at Junior Young Riders (August 2008) in Parker, Colorado.

Over the years she has had the privilege of receiving riding instruction and coaching from Pam Mahoney, Catrina Adcock (Sims), Gina Maughan, Abby Bardgett, Sonia Ringer, Carla Stempel and Michael Rodrigues.

Stephanie plans to pursue studies in Veterinary Medicine in September 2008 at a university in the UK or in Canada. Her choice of University will determine where she continues her riding career.

Stephanie has recently been nominated by her school, Warwick Academy, in the Sports category for Teen Services Outstanding Teen Award. Fingers crossed for the recognition of Equestrianism!