

HOOF PRINTS



It's Show Season 2017/18!



A new BEF Show Season has arrived! **A Warm Welcome** to all new BEF members, competitors, new horses and ponies!

The 2017/18 show season opens with DHPC harness racing on 22nd September, whilst the Bermuda Dressage Group will hold its first show of the season on Saturday 30th September. Returning to the equestrian calendar is the popular **BEF Back to School Show**, which will take place on Saturday 7th October at the NEC. Please refer to our new BEF website at www.bef.bm for further calendar updates.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

16th – 18th Sarah Geikie Dressage Clinics
22nd DHPC Harness Racing 7 p.m.
27th Entries Close – Back to School Show
30th BDG Show @ NEC
30th DHPC Harness Racing @ 6 p.m.

October

1st Bermuda Hunt Club Meet
6th DHPC Harness Racing 7 p.m.
7th BEF Back to School Show
13th DHPC Harness Racing @ 7 p.m.
15th BEF Fundraiser – Extreme Sports & BBQ
20th DHPC Harness Racing @ 7 p.m.
21st & 22nd BHPA Fall Show @ NEC
27th DHPC Harness Racing 7 p.m.
29th Bermuda Hunt Club Meet



BEF's Vision:

We bring life-long passion and appreciation of horse sports to our community.

BEF's Mission:

To achieve enjoyment and excellence through the development and support of equestrian sport in Bermuda and abroad.

BEF's Values:

Transparency – we communicate openly and honestly with each other and with our stakeholders.

Collaboration – through active listening, we co-create an inclusive and supportive environment.

Diversity – we will expand the universe of equestrian sports to as many people as possible.

Dedication – we actively promote and advocate for horse sport.

Respect – we honor and celebrate the love of horses and equestrian sport's traditions.

FEI World Jumping Finals



Congratulations to Kirista Rabain who secured an impressive 6th place standing at the 2017 FEI World Jumping Challenge Finals held in Alger, Algeria.

After two days of qualifying competitions, Kirista, riding Vitamine Semilly, an 8-year-old Selle Francais bay mare, successfully qualified for the Final competition.

Although Kirista and Vitamine Semilly had the fastest time in the final jump off, they incurred 8 penalties. Winning the 2017 FEI World Jumping Finals was India's Nitin Gupta riding Aladen Des Forets with a 3 penalties in a time of 50.20.



Congratulations Kirista – Bermuda is indeed proud of your achievement!

Bermuda Wins the 2017 PAEC Caribbean Junior Jumping Challenge



As reported in the local Royal Gazette newspaper, Bermuda celebrated "**double joy**" at the 2017 PAEC Caribbean Junior Jumping Challenge with Kelsey Amos and Casey Truran winning the **Team Event** & Casey Truran winning the **Overall Individual** prize.

The Challenge was held at the beautiful Ronald C. Waranch Equestrian Center, located at the Savannah College of Art and Design. (SCAD). Riding borrowed horses, riders competed over a designated two-phase course using faults and closest to optimum time to determine results. Points were awarded for each respective place and the combined scores from both divisions determined the final team country total.

After the first day of competition, Bermuda stood in 4th place; trailing the leaders by 7 points. However, on the final day, Casey successfully jumped clear and proceeded on to a very exciting jump-off phase where he was .08seconds within the optimum time of 30 seconds. This put Casey in 1st place and Kelsey in 7th place. Their combined scores resulted in Bermuda proudly winning the team competition and Casey Truran winning the overall individual award. Other countries competing in the event included, Antigua, Barbados, Jamaica, USA, Trinidad and Tobago.

Congratulations to Casey & Kelsey on their commendable accomplishments!
Bermuda is indeed very proud!

The Bermuda Dressage Group held its AGM on 26th August 2017 at which time following Board and Committee members were elected.

BDG Board for the season 2017/18

President – Angela Halloran-Smith

Vice President – Karen Amos

Secretary – Claire Salmon

Treasurer – Anita Hughes

Membership Secretaries – Jackie Scott and Paula George

2017/18 Committee Members:

FEI Shows – Pippa Barritt

BDG Shows – Louise Hosier

Overall show entries secretary - Carol Bromby



2017 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival



The Bermuda Dressage Group's junior members, Kelsey Amos and Robin Stempel recently returned from competing in the 2017 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival held in Saugerties New York. The competition comprised three divisions, the written test, an equitation class and the dressage test. Each part was weighted equally and competitors were required to participate in all sections. Kelsey and Robin performed extremely well in each of the divisions and their commendable results are as follows:

Robin Stempel riding Queen's Faithfully

Dressage Test – First Level, Test 2 (15-16 years): 65.156% earning Robin a 2nd place.
 Equitation: 86% Written Test: 88%

Kelsey Amos riding Weltino HW

Dressage Tests 65.781 First Level Test 2 (11-14 years) Placed 4th also 68.5% in the FEI Children Test earning Kelsey a 2nd place.
 Equitation: 91%
 Written Test: 82%

Kelsey was also presented with the **Russells Mills Memorial Trophy** for the highest score in the equitation division and the **Later On Memorial Trophy** for the highest scoring rider travelling a long distance and competing on a borrow horse.

Accompanying the riders was Bermuda Dressage Coach Angela Halloran Smith.



Congratulations to Robin & Kelsey! Please refer to the BDG's Facebook for the full report.

Casey Truran Wins Jumping Class in Slovakia



It was an exciting summer for Junior BEF member Casey Truran; this year's recipient of Bermuda Government Sports Grant. Casey travelled to Europe to spend three weeks in an intensive training program with Bermuda's Patrick Nisbett. Casey also gained valuable experience by competing

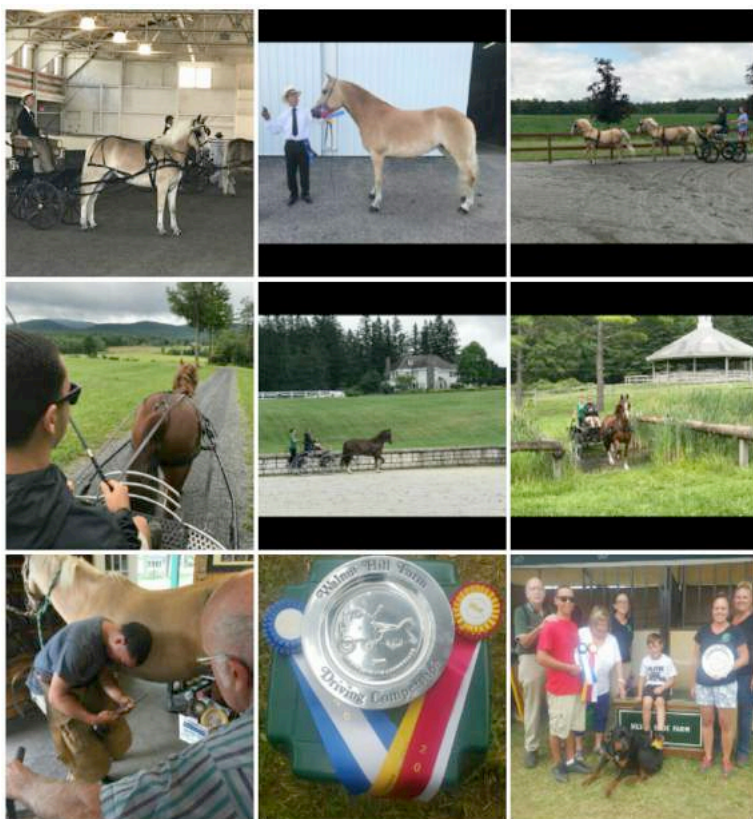
in numerous show Jumping events throughout Europe.

Indeed, riding the bay mare Echarme C, (owned by Veronique Van Rooshroeck) Casey jumped to 1st place in the 1.15m international jumping competition presented by Cavalleria Toscana. The class attracted in excess of 40 entries representing Europe, United Kingdom, Middle East, USA and Canada. Only six riders qualified for the jump off round. Casey and Echarme C incurred no penalties in a time of 41.70 seconds thus securing the trophy. It was indeed a very proud moment as the Bermuda Flag was raised and "Hail to Bermuda" was played.

Congratulations on this fine achievement Casey!



Junior Carriage Driver - Kiwon Waldron



BEF summer funding recipient **Kiwon Waldron** had an extensive summer equestrian experience with the Cable family of **Silver Shoe Farm**, Batavia, New York learning more about the many different types of driving. The Cable family is immersed in the discipline of carriage driving as well as caring for horses. Kiwon was able to glean first hand knowledge and experience from each Cable family member.

Indeed, Kiwon was fortunate to be able to “shadow” as a learner judge with Judge Nicole Cable at the **Lexington Kentucky Carriage Association Classic**. Nicole Cable is a judge with the American Carriage Society and USEF. Kiwon gained vast knowledge from Judge Cable on the proper turnout for the many different breeds of horses/ponies and the many different carriage classes.

When not competing at shows, Kiwon was given the opportunity to drive at least five of Silver Shoe Farm’s carriage horses on a daily basis. Kiwon gained valuable knowledge from Ann-Marie Yeager on horse and equipment care including preparing the carriages, harnesses and horses for show days! Kiwon also received first hand training in shoeing from Mr. Raymond Cable, a well-known USA farrier with some 60 years of experience.

One of the many, highlights of Kiwon’s summer experience was being given the opportunity to work with a “challenging” Dutch Warmblood horse. With professional guidance from Nicole Cable, Kiwon committed himself to the daily training and bonding with the horse - a challenging project that Kiwon eagerly tackled. With patience and consistent training, Kiwon was rewarded when this team competed in the Walnut Hill Carriage Show. After successfully placing **3rd in the Pleasure Turn Out Class, 4th in the Timed Obstacle Class and 1st in the Reinmanship class**, Kiwon and his Warmblood “project” deservedly earned the **Reserved Championship!** The Walnut Hill Carriage Show attracts worldwide competitors and **it was indeed a proud moment to witness the Bermuda flag flying majestically in Kiwon’s honor. In addition, Kiwon was interviewed and will be featured in the October edition of The Carriage Journal.**

Congratulations Kiwon!

Please refer to the BEF’s Facebook page to enjoy reading Kiwon’s comprehensive report.

BEF PROMOTE EQUESTRIAN SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY



In an effort to promote horse sport on our Island, the Bermuda Equestrian Federation recently funded 12 middle school students aged between 12 – 14 years to a one-day introductory session. The event was held on Thursday 6th July under the

supervision of Instructor Michael Rodrigues of Rodrigues Equestrian Stables. The very eager 12 students were given an introduction to stable management and safety as well as the opportunity to ride and drive a horse/pony. The event was extremely well received by all of the children with many of them expressing a keen interest in pursuing the sport! Thank you to the BEF's Development Committee and Michael Rodrigues for coordinating this event!



Best Wishes and Safe Travels to ALL our student BEF members who are travelling aboard to continue their educational studies at boarding schools and universities throughout Europe, United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America.



During the 2016/17 equestrian season, BEF Juniors volunteered in excess of 200 hours of service. Juniors have assisted in the following ways:

<i>NEC Cleanup</i>	<i>Canteen Assistants</i>
<i>Cleaning/Painting Jumps</i>	<i>Dressage Runners</i>
<i>Painting Judges' Boxes</i>	<i>Course Build & Jump Crew</i>
<i>Clearing Hunt Trails</i>	<i>Assisting at Fundraising Events</i>
<i>Jump Timers</i>	<i>Dismantling the dressage arena</i>

Our Juniors will be tomorrow's show organizers, officials and committee members. The BEF is grateful for ALL its volunteers, as even one hour can make a difference.

However, for BEF recognition, juniors are required to serve a minimum of 12 hours during the year. The 2017/18 Junior volunteer forms can be located on the BEF website at www.bef.bm Please ensure that your form is completed and signed. For your convenience, your signed and completed form may be emailed to elkagbef@gmail.com or your form may be left in the volunteer drop off box at Hinson Hall Stables. Many thanks!



2017/18 BEF Membership

A reminder from the BEF Office that BEF Memberships be renewed as soon as possible. Renewal/application forms are available on the BEF website. Forms should include, where applicable, previous BEF membership # as well as the birthdates of juniors. If paying online, please ensure that you include the payment confirmation number and amount of the transaction on your membership application form. Any queries may be directed to jacherry@northrock.bm

Horse Registration/Removal from BEF Registration List

In order to keep a current listing of BEF registered horses, members are requested to please advise the BEF Office of horses (including registration number) that have left Bermuda or have gone to greener pastures. The BEF Office appreciates your assistance in this regard. If you will be registering a horse with the BEF, the requisite application form (2 pages) can be found on the BEF website <http://www.bef.bm/membership/horsepony-registration/>

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Recognize anyone?

Left to Right: (Standing) Harold Whitecross & Michael Cherry (Seated) Anne Cherry, Jim Michelesen, Eve Redford & Judy Hagen!

*Wishing All Competitors a Safe & Successful Show Season
AND REMEMBER TO*

