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named by the United States  
Equestrian Federation to  
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# Kent Farrington

Born: December 28, 1980

Residence: Wellington, Florida

**Uceko – 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood  
gelding owned by R.C.G. Farm**

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Kent Farrington's success has spanned more than a decade. In 2001, he was named the winner of the USET Maxine Beard Award given to an individual based on his potential to represent the United States in international competition.

Farrington and Up Chiqui have won more than 20 Grand Prix classes. The pair represented the U.S. twice in 2008, once in the Rolex/FEI World Cup Final in Sweden and again in the winning FEI Nations Cup effort at CSIO Wellington.

The pair also won the Rolex/USEF National Show Jumping Championships in 2007, capping off a year in which they were nearly invincible.

In the summer of 2009, the Kentucky Horse Park proved to be a very lucrative place for Farrington. He and Up Chiqui won both the \$30,000 KHJA Grand Prix and the \$30,000 Hagyard Lexington Classic. In addition, Farrington was second with Uceko in the \$40,000 Kentucky Summer Grand Prix.

With the Dutch Warmblood gelding, Uceko, Farrington found a star for the future. In February of 2010, this pair was fifth in the first USEF Selection Trial for

the U.S. Show Jumping Team for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

Uceko made a strong start to the 2011 season, collecting second place honors in the \$100,000 Deluca Toyota Tundra Grand Prix. In April, Farrington collected one of the largest victories of his career with Uceko claiming victory among a star-studded field in the \$200,000 Gene Mische American Invitational.

In the summer of 2011, Farrington and Uceko collected wins both stateside and abroad. They collected a pair of wins in Kentucky, where they topped the field in the \$55,000 Commonwealth Grand Prix and the \$55,000 Mary Rena Murphy Grand Prix. On his first tour of Europe with the U.S. Team, Farrington and Uceko won the prestigious Longines King George V Gold Cup at the CSIO Hickstead.

Farrington and Uceko were also part of the Gold Medal winning U.S. team at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Partnering again with Uceko, Farrington finished sixth in the 2012 USEF Selection Trials for the U.S. Show Jumping Team with clear rounds in Trials One and Four.

Farrington and Uceko traveled to Spruce Meadows in June for the 2012 U.S. Show Jumping Observation Events, finishing second in the \$200,000 CN Performance Grand Prix. A few weeks later, Farrington won the Cargill Cup on Venus and the Duncan Ross Cup on Voyer, he also finished second on Uceko in the Akita Drilling Cup.

Farrington and Voyer won the \$250,000 FTI Grand Prix & FEI World Cup Qualifier at the Hampton Classic and finished second in the \$200,000 American Gold Cup. With Uceko, he won both a class at the Spruce Meadows CSIO5\* in September

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and the \$85,000 Grand Prix de Penn National in October.

Farrington started 2013 with a bang by winning the \$100,000 Trump Invitational CSI2\* Grand Prix with Dynamo. He hit a high point during Week Eight of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF) riding Uceko on the winning U.S. team in the \$75,000 Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup presented by G&C Farm and winning the \$150,000 CSIO4\* Grand Prix presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty with Blue Angel. During Weeks 11 and 12 of the FTI WEF, Farrington and Blue Angel came back to give top performances, finishing fourth in both the \$101,000 Pennfield Feeds CSI4\* Grand Prix and the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Finale Grand Prix CSI5\*.

As a talented young equitation rider Farrington won the Pessoa/AHSA National Hunter Seat Equitation Medal Final in 1998 and the Washington International Equitation Medal in 1999. He then climbed another notch when his team won the Gold medal at the prestigious North American Young Riders' Championship in 1999. Farrington's first major win was on Madison in 2004 at the \$75,000 EMO Grand Prix in Saugerties, NY.

Farrington runs a very successful teaching and training business.





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# Katie Dinan

Born: August 11, 1993

Residence: New York, NY

**Nougat du Vallet – 12-year-old Selle Francis  
gelding owned by Grant Road Partners, LLC**

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At just 19, Katie Dinan has amassed a record people twice her age would be envy. Dinan began riding at the age of four and three years later was active in the competition ring.

In October of 2010, Dinan and Vancouver represented Zone 2 on the Gold medal winning team at the Randolph College/USEF National Junior Jumper Championships at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show.

In March of 2011, Dinan rode Belle Dame D to a fifth place finish in the Artisan Farms Young Rider Grand Prix. She headed to the European Youngster Cup Finals after finishing fifth in the overall rankings. In Leipzig, Germany, she and Vancouver finished second in a CSI2\* class.

Upon returning to the states, Dinan finished first and fifth in the \$25,000 New York Welcome Stake with Vancouver and Amoroso respectively. At the Spruce Meadows "Canada One" CSI4\*-W, Dinan and Vancouver came in third in the \$50,000 RBC Financial Group Cup.

At the 2011 Adequan FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North, Dinan and Vancouver continued their success by winning the Individual Gold medal and Team Bronze.

Dinan's success continued into the fall where she finished third in the \$30,000 Grand Prix of Princeton with Nougat du Vallet. At the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, Dinan was a member of the winning Zone 2 team in the \$15,000 Randolph College/USEF Prix de States Team Championship. Dinan finished out 2011 by placing second at the \$31,000 G&C Farm 1.45m Classic with Nougat du Vallet at the Holiday and Horses show.

Dinan started off 2012 competing in the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF), finishing third with Vancouver in the \$50,000 Wellington Equestrian Realty CSI2\* Grand Prix during Week Two. Dinan and Nougat du Vallet won the \$50,000 Horseware Ireland CSI2\* Grand Prix the following week. In March, Dinan competed in the USEF National Show Jumping Championship and was named to the Long List for the U.S. Show Jumping Team. Dinan finished out the FTI WEF with a fourth place finish with Nougat du Vallet in the \$500,000 FTI Consulting CSI5\* Grand Prix.

In April, Dinan was awarded the USET Maxine Beard Award, for her competitive record and future potential to represent the United States in international competition. In May, Dinan traveled to Old Salem Farm winning the \$25,000 New York Welcome Stake Grand Prix and finishing second in the \$40,000 Old Salem Grand Prix with Nougat du Vallet.

Dinan and Nougat du Vallet then saw themselves in the Top Five in Alberta in mid-June when they finished fourth in the \$200,000 CN Performance Grand Prix, a 2012 U.S. Show Jumping Observation Event.

In July, Dinan traveled to France where she finished fifth with Sandro in a CSI5\* class at Chantilly. The next week, the pair took top honors in the CSI3\* Grand Prix at Dinard. A

## Dinan makes her Rolex/FEI World Cup Final debut in Gothenburg.

month later, Dinan and Nougat du Vallet finished second and fifth in two CSIO5\* classes in Gijon, Spain.

Upon returning to the states, Dinan and Nougat du Vallet took second place in the Hagyard Equine Institute CSI-W Lexington. The pair finished second once again in the \$85,000 FEI World Cup Qualifier Prix de Penn National at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, where Dinan received the Leading Lady Rider Award. Dinan finished out 2012 by winning the \$50,000 Holiday & Horses FEI World Cup CSI2\*-W with Nougat du Vallet.

Dinan began 2013 by finishing in sixth place in the \$100,000 Trump Invitational CSI2\* Grand Prix with Nougat du Vallet. During Week Two of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival, the pair finished second in the \$50,000 Wellington Equestrian Realty CSI2\*. Dinan rode Glory Days to the win in the \$15,000 Artisan Farms Grand Prix, as well as finishing second in the \$125,000 FEI W-Cup Grand Prix CSI3\* presented by Spy Coast with Nougat du Vallet during Week Six. Two weeks later, Dinan and Glory Days won again this time in the \$25,000 Ariat Jumper Classic.

Dinan is a freshman at Harvard University. When not riding, she enjoys the environment, traveling, and skiing.



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# Beezie Madden

Born: November 20, 1963

Residence: Cazenovia, New York

**Simon – 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding  
owned by Abigail Wexner**

**Cortes 'C' – 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood  
gelding owned by Abigail Wexner**

Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Beezie Madden has been riding since the age of three and made her Grand Prix debut in 1985. Four years of continued success followed, including participation on winning U.S. Nations Cup teams, leading to her being named the 1989 United States Olympic Committee's Female Equestrian of the Year.

Madden was the first woman—and the first U.S. rider—to ever reach the top three in the Gandini Show Jumping World Ranking List (achieved in 2004), and she was the first woman to pass the \$1 million mark in earnings for jumping. Additionally, she has won back-to-back honors as USEF Equestrian of the Year—the first rider ever to do so.

In 2004, she breezed through the Olympic Selection Trials, finishing in first place on Authentic. With her contribution of double-clear rounds in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, she helped the U.S. team win the Gold medal. While her success on U.S. soil earned her the American Grand Prix Association (AGA) Rider of the Year title that year.



Madden added Team and Individual Silver medals to her resume at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany.

Madden's greatest accomplishment in 2007 involved her win at the Rolex Grand Prix of Aachen in July. Madden again rode Authentic for this prestigious win over 40 of the world's best riders. To add to this honor she was named leading rider in Aachen.

Madden enjoyed another incredible year in 2008 with Authentic. She won her second consecutive Team Gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, where they won an unbelievable jump-off to also pick up Individual Bronze.

In 2010, Madden teamed up with Coral Reef Via Volo to win the \$75,000 Equine Couture/Tuff Rider Grand Prix in Florida. In the summer they traveled to Europe, where they won the Grand Prix of Aachen and placed third in the Grand Prix of Dublin. At the Spruce Meadows "Masters" CSIO5\*, the pair won the \$50,000 CANA Cup and was part of the winning U.S. Team in the Nations Cup in September. That same month they picked up wins at the American Gold Cup.

2011 saw Madden win at home and on foreign soil. In March, Madden and Coral Reef Via Volo were part of the winning U.S. team in the \$75,000 FEI Nations Cup presented by G&C Farm at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival. In April, Madden travelled to Leipzig, Germany to compete in the 2011 Rolex/FEI World Cup Finals, where she tied for fourth place honors overall.

Madden kept up her strong form throughout the summer of 2011. With Cortes 'C', Madden claimed her first victory on the Global Champions Tour winning the VDL Groep sponsored Global Champions Tour Grand Prix of Valkenswaard. Later that month, Madden and Coral Reef Via Volo won the Longines International Grand Prix of Rotterdam (CHIO).

The year ended on a high-note for Madden. After collecting third place in the \$75,000 Grand Prix de Penn National with Cortes 'C', she travelled to Guadalajara, Mexico to represent the U.S. at the 2011 Pan American Games. Riding Coral Reef Via Volo, she won Team Gold and Individual Silver medals.

Madden started 2012 competing at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival. During the first week, she and Simon won the \$30,000 Adequan Grand Prix. During Week Four, she collected a second place finish with Cortes 'C' in the WEF Challenge Cup series. For a second straight year, Madden and Prima won the \$50,000 G&C Farm Jumper Derby during Week Six.

In the 2012 USEF Selection Trials Madden finished eighth with Cortes 'C', with a clear round in Trial Four. At two Observation Events for the U.S. Show Jumping Team held at the Kentucky Spring Horse Show, Madden took home top honors in the \$50,000 Hagyard Lexington Classic and finished third in the \$75,000 Commonwealth Grand Prix with Simon and fourth with Cortes 'C'.

Madden then competed Coral Reef Via Volo in the U.S. Show Jumping Team Observation Events at Spruce Meadows. The pair had a clear first round in the Husky Energy Classic, sending them to a jump-off where the team would ultimately end the night finishing second. Madden returned to Spruce Meadows two weeks later for their "Canada One" CSI4\*-W where she had five Top 4 finishes, highlighted by a victory in the Akita Drilling Cup with Cortes 'C'.

Later that summer, Madden traveled to Europe where she placed second in a CSI5\* class aboard Simon in Chantilly, France and third in a CSI2\* class aboard Vanilla in Zuidwolde, The Netherlands. That August, Madden represented the United States at the 2012 London Olympic Games with Coral Reef Via Volo.

At the Spruce Meadows "Masters," Madden collected a win and second place finish with Coral Reef Via Volo in two CSIO 5\* classes as well as another second place finish with Simon. At the Kentucky National, Madden finished second in the \$32,000 CSI Prix De Lexington. Madden then finished third with Cortes 'C' at the New Albany Classic Invitational Grand Prix.

Madden began 2013 with a fourth place finish with Simon in the \$82,000 Adequan Grand Prix CSI2\* in Week Five of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF). The following week was a successful one with Madden taking top honors in both the \$125,000 FEI W-Cup Grand Prix CSI3\* presented by Spy Coast Farm and the \$50,000 Ruby et Violette WEF with Cortes 'C' and Coral Reef Via Volo respectively. During Week Eight of the FTI WEF, Madden rode Simon on the winning U.S. team in the \$75,000 Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup presented by G&C Farm and finished second on Cortes 'C' in the \$150,000 CSIO4\* Grand Prix presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty. In the final week of the FTI WEF, Madden finished sixth with Simon in the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Finale Grand Prix CSI5\*.

Married since 1998, Madden and her husband, horseman John Madden, reside in Cazenovia, NY.



Photo Credit: Shannon Brinkman

# Reed Kessler

Born: July 9, 1994

Residence: Lexington, KY

**Cylana – 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood  
gelding owned by the rider**

**Ligist – 13-year-old Swedish Warmblood  
gelding owned by the rider**

Reed Kessler has been defying her age and experience, riding to top placings in many of the most prestigious Grand Prix classes in the U.S. and abroad.

In December of 2010, Kessler and Mika traveled to Paris to compete at the Gucci Masters, winning the Land Rover Grand Prix.

In 2011, Kessler and Ligist headed to the European Young Rider Cup in Leipzig, Germany with a wealth of experience having competed stateside and abroad. The pair topped the standings of the Artisan Farms Young Rider Grand Prix series and collected second place finishes in two of the four classes to stamp their ticket to the Finals.

Competing in Europe on the European Young Riders Tour, Kessler had much success. At Bonheiden, Kessler finished first in a CSIOY class and second with the U.S. Nations Cup team aboard Onisha. The pair again finished second as part of the U.S. Nations Cup team in Reims, and Kessler came out on top in a CSIOY class with Ligist. At Lamprechtshausen, Kessler took home wins in the CSIOY Nations Cup and the

Young Rider Grand Prix with Onisha and Ligist respectively.

Kessler continued competing in Europe, acquiring more top placings. She and Onisha placed second in a CSI3\* class in Dinard. In Auvers, Kessler and Ligist won a CSI2\* class. At Arezzo, Kessler finished first in three CSI3\* classes with Onisha and Flight. Kessler had a repeat performance in La Bagnaia, winning three CSI3\* classes again with Onisha and Flight.

Back in the states, Kessler and Ligist were on the winning team in the \$15,000 USEF Prix De States Team Championships and finished third in the \$7,500 USEF National Individual Junior Jumper Championship.

2012 was an exciting year for Kessler. In her first year of being eligible to jump in the senior ranks, Kessler tied with legendary Margie Engle to share the 2012 USEF National Show Jumping Championship title. With two clear rounds out of the four trials, Kessler piloted Cylana to her first National Title. Kessler also finished third with Mika in the Selection Trials with two clear rounds in the Trial Two and Four.

At the Kentucky Spring Horse Show Observation Event for the U.S. Show Jumping Team, Kessler finished second with Mika in the \$75,000 Commonwealth Grand Prix. The pair also finished fifth in the \$50,000 Hagyard Lexington Classic CSI3\*.

Kessler and Cylana finished second in the \$32,000 Hagyard Classic CSI2\* at the Kentucky Spring Classic. The pair continued to impress into June as they traveled to Spruce Meadows for another Observation Event. Kessler and Cylana would finish third after a clear round in the Husky Energy Classic before coming back two days later to finish sixth in the \$200,000 CN Performance Grand Prix.

In August, Kessler and Cylana made their Olympic debut in London. At 18 years old, Kessler was the youngest rider in history to be a member of a U.S. Equestrian Olympic team.

Upon returning to the States, Kessler finished second with Mika in the \$50,000 American Gold Cup Qualifier. The pair then went on to win the Hagyard Equine Institute CSI-W

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Lexington at the Kentucky National Horse Show. At the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), Kessler and Cylana took home the win in the \$100,000 Presidents Cup Grand Prix, CSI3\*-W presented by Events DC. Kessler also received the Leading Open Jumper Rider Award at the WIHS. She finished out the year with a second place finish in a CSI4\* class with Onisha at the Toronto CSI4\* - W.

Kessler began 2013 with a third place finish aboard Ligist in the \$30,000 Mar-O-Lago Club Grand Prix during Week One of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF). The following week the pair won the \$50,000 Wellington Equestrian Realty CSI2\*. Kessler rode Cylana on the winning U.S. team in the \$75,000 Furusiyya FEI Nations Cup presented by G&C Farm during Week Eight. The following week, the pair finished sixth in the in the \$300,000 FEI World Cup Grand Prix CSI5\*, presented by The Bainbridge Companies. During Week 11, Kessler rode Ligist to a fourth place finish in the \$100,000 Suncast 1.50m Jumper Classic Final and finished fifth with Mika in the \$101,000 Pennfield Feeds CSI4\* Grand Prix.

In April, Kessler finished second in the Gene Mische American Invitational with Mika. She then traveled to Europe and finished second in the Grand Prix Hermès CSI5\* in Paris with Cylana.

Kessler has also amassed remarkable achievements in the equitation ring. In 2009, she was a three-time winner of the WIHS Equitation Classic at the Winter Equestrian Festival. That same year she won the Pessoa/USEF Hunt Seat Medal Class at Devon and was second in the Wölffer Estate Equitation Championship.





Photo Credit: Shannon Brinkman

# McLain Ward

Born: October 17, 1975

Residence: Brewster, NY

**Antares F – 13-year-old Wurttemberger gelding  
owned by Grant Road Partners LLC**

**Super Trooper de Ness – 11-year-old Belgian  
Warmblood stallion owned by  
Grant Road Partners LLC**

McLain Ward has an international Grand Prix prowess that only continues to increase with age. In 1990, and at age 14, Ward became the youngest rider ever to win both the USET Medal Finals and the USET Talent Derby. He would go on to turn that into a legacy, winning the pair of competitions from 1990-1992. Ward has already competed in more than 10 Rolex/FEI World Cup Finals and numerous FEI Nations Cup competitions.

In 2004, Ward made his Olympic debut with Sapphire in Athens, where the pair helped the U.S. to a Team Gold medal.

Ward was a key part of the Gold medal-winning 2005 Samsung Super League team despite a fall on course at Hickstead, England, resulting in a broken collar bone. Ward courageously rode in Aachen not long after, and his double clears aboard Sapphire propelled the U.S. to the Nations Cup victory there.



Ward and Sapphire were members of the Silver medal-winning team at the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany.

The road to the 2008 Olympic Games and Ward and Sapphire's second consecutive Team Gold medal quickly gained momentum including being a valuable part of the winning U.S. team at the \$75,000 FEI Nations Cup presented by CN at the Winter Equestrian Festival in March. Just one month later, the pair won the \$200,000 Budweiser Invitational in Tampa in a deluge of rain and wind.

In 2009, the two-time Olympic Gold medalists won at nearly every turn. The pair took home top honors in the \$1 million CN International at the Spruce Meadows Masters - one of the most prestigious classes in the world. Also in 2009, they won the Devon Grand Prix for the second time.

They prepared diligently for the 2009 Rolex/FEI World Cup Final all winter and were rewarded with a second place finish for their efforts.

For a second straight year, Ward and Sapphire won the \$500,000 FTI Consulting Finale Grand Prix at the end of March of 2010. This came just two weeks after they secured a second place finish in the \$200,000 WEF FEI World Cup Qualifier.

During the summer of 2010, Ward proved to be a force in Europe, jumping to many successful finishes all over the continent. With Sapphire, Ward won the coveted classes of the La Baule Grand Prix and the Rome Grand Prix. Ward finished off his summer in Europe by winning the prestigious Dublin Grand Prix with Antares F.

Ward and Sapphire continued to accumulate strong results in the fall of 2010. In September, they won the \$250,000 FTI Grand Prix and FEI World Cup Qualifier for a second consecutive year at the Hampton Classic. The following week, Ward and Sapphire won the inaugural Pfizer \$1 Million Grand Prix at HITSon-the-Hudson.

In October 2010, Ward and Sapphire were the highest-placed Americans at the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY.

Ward had another strong start to the 2011 season, jumping at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival. In March, Ward and Sapphire teamed up for another U.S. win in the \$75,000 FEI Nations Cup CSIO4\* presented by G&C Farm. With Antares F, Ward placed second in the \$150,000 Spy Coast FEI World Cup Grand Prix CSI3\*.

At the Hampton Classic Horse Show in September Ward added to his illustrious resume, by tying his own record, winning a Grand Prix at the Classic on three consecutive days. Ward and Antares F were victorious in the \$250,000 FTI Grand Prix, tying Margie Engle's record of winning the featured Grand Prix at the Classic for three consecutive years. This feat added to Ward's own record of winning the Classic's featured Grand Prix six times, twice as many as anyone else.

In the fall, Ward and Antares F were part of the Gold medal winning U.S. team at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. The pair finished fourth individually.

In January 2012, Ward suffered a shattered knee-cap that kept him from riding for more than three months.

At the Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Show, Ward made his return to competition a noticeable one by winning the \$40,000 Old Salem Grand Prix with Antares F. The following weekend, Ward won the \$75,000 Empire State Grand Prix with Zander.

On May 14, 2012, Ward announced that Sapphire was retiring from competition. However, Ward would continue to make a big splash as he won the \$100,000 Wells Fargo Grand Prix of Devon the same night his longtime partner was officially retired. He then came back to put in a solid round for a second place finish in the \$50,000 Idle Dice Open Jumper Stakes at the same show with Antares F.

In August of 2012, Ward made his third Olympic appearance for the U.S. at the 2012 London Olympic Games aboard Antares F.

Upon returning to the states, Ward won the Pfizer \$1 Million Grand Prix with Antares F. The pair then finished third in the \$200,000 American Gold Cup. At The Kentucky National, Ward won the \$32,000 CSI Prix de Lexington with Rothchild. He then took top honors with Pjotter Van de Zonnehoeve at the New Albany Classic Invitational Grand Prix. Ward again partnered with Antares F to win the \$250,000 Alltech Grand Prix CSI-W to finish out a successful year.

Ward began 2013 with a fourth place finish in the \$100,000 Fidelity Investments CSI2\* with Super Trooper de Ness during Week Four of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF). Ward's success continued into Week Eight when he finished fourth in the \$150,000 CSIO4\* Grand Prix presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty with Antares F.

In April, Ward then won the Gene Mische American Invitational with Rothchild.

Ward is married to wife Lauren, who is an avid competitor in the amateur divisions.



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# Charlie Jayne

Born: March 11, 1986

Residence: Elgin, IL

**Chill R Z – 10-year-old Zangerscheide stallion  
owned by Alex Jayne and Maura Thatcher**

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Charlie Jayne grew up on his family's farm outside of Chicago and horses have always been part of his life. Along with his parents, Alex and Linda, and his sisters, Maggie and Haylie, the Jayne family runs the definition of a family business.

Jayne won the USET Maxine Beard Award in 2006, which recognizes accomplishment by an up-and-coming show jumper. He also won the USEF Talent Search Finals – East.

In 2007, the successful junior rider made the transition into the senior ranks and at the age of 20 represented the United States on the Gold medal-winning Team at the CSIO Buenos Aires in November with Urbanus. In April, he won the Palm Beach Toyota \$25,000 Grand Prix with Thomas Edison.

Jayne was named to the USEF Show Jumping Short List for the 2008 Olympic Games with Urbanus after an impressive performance at the 2008 USEF Selection Trials for Show Jumping. He then represented the U.S. in the first three Samsung Super Leagues with the FEI Nations Cup Team in Europe, turning in consistent results.

In the spring of 2009, Jayne had success with all of his horses, most notably he

guided Urbanus to fourth place finishes in the FEI World Cup Grand Prix CSI4\* in Wellington, FL, as well as at the Budweiser American Invitational held in Tampa, FL.

Also in 2009, Jayne and Urbanus were part of the U.S. effort on Tour Three of Meydan FEI Nations Cup. While in Europe, Jayne and Urbanus were second in the Grand Prix of Dublin. Jayne finished off the 2009 season on a high note winning the \$25,000 Spy Coast/Sweet Oak Farm Grand Prix in Wellington on Sampras.

2010 started off successfully for Jayne. He was fourth with Sampras at the CSI3\*-W Jacksonville International in mid-January. This finish was on the heels of a fifth place finish on the same horse at the \$25,000 Bahamas Eco Grand Prix. Jayne and Sampras continued their successful season with an eighth place finish in the \$50,000 EMO Grand Prix in February.

Jayne finished off his strong 2010 campaign by collecting top placings with the Belgian mare, Athena, in the fall. They were winners of the \$125,000 Strongid C 2X Grand Prix in Saugerties. Three weeks later, the pair was a creditable second, behind McLain Ward and Sapphire, in the \$1,000,000 Pfizer Grand Prix.

In 2011, Jayne began the season jumping successfully on both U.S. coasts. With Urbanus, he was eighth in the \$40,000 Equine Couture/ Tuff Rider Grand Prix at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival in Florida. On the HITS circuit at Thermal, Jayne and Athena won the \$31,000 HITS Welcome Classic in early February. He also collected an eighth place finish in the \$50,000 HITS Grand Prix with Uraya in March. Over the summer, Jayne and Athena competed on the U.S. team at FEI Nations Cup stops in La Baule, Rome, and St. Gallen.

Jayne started off 2012 with a fourth place finish with Uraya in the \$30,000 Surpass Grand Prix. With Urbanus, he finished second in the \$80,000 Adequan CSI2\* Grand Prix. In March, Jayne and Uraya finished third in the \$50,000 World Cup Qualifier CSI2\*. In April, Jayne placed fifth in the Gene Mische American Invitational with Athena.

At the Kentucky Spring Horse Show, an Observation Event for the U.S. Show Jumping Team, Jayne finished third with Chill R Z in the \$50,000 Hagyard Lexington Classic.

## Jayne won the USET Maxine Beard Award in 2006, which recognizes accomplishment by an up-and-coming show jumper.

Jayne and Chill R Z proved to be a force to be reckoned with at the Devon U.S. Show Jumping Team Observation Events for the Show Jumping Team in both classes, starting out with a third-place finish in the \$100,000 Wells Fargo Grand Prix of Devon then winning the \$50,000 Idle Dice Open Jumper Stake two days later.

Jayne traveled to London with Chill R Z as the reserve rider for the U.S. team at the 2012 London Olympic Games. Upon returning to the States, the pair finished fifth in the \$50,000 American Gold Cup Qualifier and seventh in the \$200,000 American Gold Cup. Jayne and Chill R Z then finished second in the New Albany Classic Invitational Grand Prix. They had another second-place finish at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show in the \$40,000 PA Big Jump.

Jayne began 2013 on a high note with a third place finish in the \$100,000 Trump Invitational CSI2\* Grand Prix on Waldman Z. During Week Four of the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF), he and Chill R Z finished in tenth place in the \$100,000 Fidelity Investments CSI2\*. The pair then won the \$50,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Rd6 during Week Six. Jayne and Chill R Z continued their success during Week Eight, placing sixth in the \$150,000 CSIO4\* Grand Prix presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty.

Jayne graduated from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL, in May, 2008 with a degree in Business Management. Despite all of the awards he has picked up over the years, he considers the fact that he was able to ride full-time and graduate in five years to be his greatest accomplishment.





Photo Credit: Shannon Brinkman

# Christine McCrea

Born: February 16, 1978

Residence: East Windsor, CT

**Romantovich Take One – 13-year-old KWPN  
gelding owned by Candy Tribble**

**Wannick WH – 10-year-old KWPN stallion owned  
by Candy Tribble and Windsor Show Stables**

McCrea first made her presence known on the international scene when she joined the United States Equestrian Team Developing Rider Tour in 1999, when she finished second in the Nations Cup competition at CSIO Lummen riding Caraibe du Moulin.

McCrea was part of two successful Samsung Super League efforts both in 2005 and 2007. She won a 1.50m class in Lummen in 2005 and in 2006 qualified for the Rolex/FEI World Cup Final and was short-listed for the 2006 FEI World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany.

In 2005, she earned multiple Top 10 finishes at home, including taking second in the \$75,000 Budweiser World Cup of Syracuse, third in the \$50,000 Fidelity Grand Prix of Boston, fourth in the \$25,000 Winter Equestrian Festival Challenge Cup Round 5 and the \$100,000 Lexus National Horse Show Championship, and sixth in the \$40,000 CSI-W Lexington.



McCrea represented the U.S. at the 2009 Rolex/FEI World Cup Final in April in Las Vegas. At the 2009 Final she rode the appropriately named Vegas. The pair won the \$100,000 Budweiser FEI World Cup Qualifier of Syracuse in November of 2008; they then represented the U.S. on the Nations Cup team at the CSIO Wellington the following spring.

With Promised Land, McCrea was second in the \$150,000 CN Grand Prix in March 2009 and third in the Tampa Bay Classic, the final qualifier for the year's World Cup Final.

2010 again was a successful year for McCrea. With Promised Land she was fifth in both Round One of the WEF Challenge Cup Series and the \$75,000 Nespresso Grand Prix. She was also fourth with Romantovich Take One at the \$25,000 Suncast Classic Grand Prix. Romantovich Take One was also fifth in the \$75,000 Adequan Grand Prix in February at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival.

Romantovich Take One and McCrea continued collecting consistent results throughout the spring of 2010. In May, they were third in the Hagyard Lexington Classic CSI2\* and later in the month were fifth in the \$100,000 Grand Prix of Devon.

2011 started off well once again for McCrea and the Dutch Warmblood gelding. At the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF), they were seventh in the fifth round of the WEF Challenge Cup Series. The pair picked up another seventh place finish in the CSI4\*-W at the FTI WEF in March.

Over the summer of 2011, McCrea travelled to Europe to take part in the FEI Nations Cup Series. With Romantovich Take One, she jumped double clear over a tough track in St. Gallen in the Nations Cup and two days later jumped to a strong third place finish in the Longines Grand Prix of Switzerland.

McCrea and Romantovich Take One dominated the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, taking both Team and Individual Gold Medals. The pair finished with only 0.88 penalties.

McCrea continued her success in 2012 by finishing ninth with Romantovich Take One in the USEF Selection Trials with a clear round in Trial One. At the Kentucky Spring Horse Show Observation Event, McCrea and Romantovich Take One finished fifth in the \$75,000 Commonwealth Grand Prix.

The pair traveled to Devon, Pennsylvania during the early part of the summer to contest two Observation Events at the Devon Horse Show where they finished 10th in the \$100,000 Wells Fargo Grand Prix of Devon before returning to the ring

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to place third in the \$50,000 Idle Dice Open Jumper Stake. In July, McCrea traveled to the Spruce Meadows "North American" CSI5\* where she placed in the Top Ten in three of the four classes she contested, highlighted by a third place finish in the \$35,000 Progress Energy Cup with Romantovich Take One.

At the New York Horse & Pony Show in August, McCrea and Wannick WH claimed third place in the \$25,000 SmartPak Grand Prix and fourth place in the \$100,000 Strongid C 2X Grand Prix. Later that month at the Hampton Classic, McCrea finished seventh in the \$30,000 Pilatus Cup Open Jumper Challenge with Victor E and tenth in the \$250,000 FTI Grand Prix & FEI World Cup Qualifier with Romantovich Take One. A month later, McCrea and Romantovich Take One finished in sixth place in the Pfizer \$1 Million Grand Prix then won the \$50,000 American Gold Cup Qualifier.

She finished out the year at The National Horse Show, taking home second place honors in the \$250,000 Alltech Grand Prix CSI-W with Romantovich Take One.

McCrea started off 2013 at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival (FTI WEF). During Week Six, the McCrea and Zerly won the \$50,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Rd6. The pair found success again during Week Nine, winning the \$125,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Rd9. McCrea and Wannick WH finished in third place in the \$50,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Rd12 during the final week of the FTI WEF.

McCrea is a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a major in business. She and her husband Jonathan train at her family's farm, Windsor Show Stables, in East Windsor, CT.

# North American West Coast League





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# Rich Fellers

Born: October 3, 1959

Residence: Sherwood, OR

**Flexible – 17-year-old Irish Sport Horse  
stallion owned by Harry and Mollie Chapman**

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Rich Fellers is among the most decorated riders competing on the West Coast circuit. He currently stands among the top all-time money winners at Spruce Meadows. Fellers' riding career began at the age of 11 when he was given a two-year-old Appaloosa for his birthday. The pair quickly grew close with the help of Fellers' mother and local riding instructors. The short, stocky horse had a talent for jumping, and the pair eventually became winners from the West Coast U.S. Grand Prix circuit to Spruce Meadows in Canada.

Fellers was a member of his first U.S. team at the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba, in 1991 and his global success has spanned decades.

In 2004, Fellers and McGuinness were the number two prize money winners in North America, and McGuinness finished 2005 as the U.S. Grand Prix Horse of the Year. Fellers only competed five weeks in early 2006, yet he was the winner of the 2006 West Coast League. Later in 2006 at the Spruce Meadows "North American" CSI5\*, he and McGuinness won the Gunnar Office Furnishings Cup and were second

in the \$200,000 Atco Power Queen Elizabeth II Cup. At the CSIO5\* Spruce Meadows Masters, they finished second in the \$100,000 EnCana Cup.

In 2007, Fellers and Flexible won the Los Angeles National Grand Prix CSI2\*. They had a very solid season in 2007, landing them a spot in the Rolex/FEI World Cup in Las Vegas.

In 2008, aboard Flexible, Fellers won three of the four FEI World Cup qualifiers at HITS Thermal. They were second at the 2008 Rolex/FEI World Cup Final, surprising many outside the U.S., who had never seen Flexible jump. Flexible was one of the USEF's Horses of Honor in 2008, both for his remarkable achievement in the ring, but also because he came back from numerous career-threatening injuries. Not only did he prove he was back in 2008, he proved he was better than ever.

Fellers and Flexible returned for a repeat performance at the 2009 Rolex/FEI World Cup Final, where they finished eighteenth. Earlier in the year, the pair won the \$25,000 HITS Grand Prix at Thermal in March. In the latter half of 2009, Flexible refused to give up the limelight. He and Fellers picked up numerous wins including Spruce Meadows, the Warsteiner FEI World Cup Qualifier, and the Sacramento Grand Prix.

Fellers and Flexible began their 2010 campaign collecting a third place finish at the \$30,000 HITS Grand Prix in Thermal at the beginning of February. The pair traveled east to Wellington, FL to take part in the 2010 USEF Selection Trials for the U.S. Show Jumping Team where they jumped clear rounds in the first and third Trials.

In March, Fellers and Flexible were fourth in the \$200,000 CN FEI World Cup Qualifier held at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival. Over the summer, the pair traveled to Thunderbird Park in Canada and won Grand Prix classes at every turn.

## Fellers & Flexible won the 2012 Rolex/FEI World Cup Final, the first American pair to do so in 25 years.

In the beginning of 2011, Fellers and Flexible once again spent their time jumping at Thermal, where they picked up many top placings, including wins in the \$50,000 Strongid C 2x Grand Prix, the \$31,000 HITS Grand Prix, and the \$31,000 HITS Welcome Classic. Their strong results in the 2010/2011 season earned them the top spot again in the North American West Coast League.

Fellers travelled to Europe, claiming numerous top placings including two second place finishes in CSIO5\* classes at St. Gallen with Flexible and McGuinness. He then returned to North America to compete at Spruce Meadows. At the "Canada One" CSI4\*, Fellers took home two wins, the \$65,000 ESSO Challenge World Cup Qualifier with Flexible and the \$31,000 Cargill Cup with McGuinness. He had another two wins at the "North American" CSI4\*, claiming victory in the \$35,000 SUN LIFE FINANCIAL 'Reach for the Sun' with Flexible and the \$31,000 SUNCAST Cup with McGuinness. Fellers and Flexible also finished second in the \$200,000 ATCO POWER Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

At Thunderbird Park, Fellers finished second with Colgan Cruise in the \$55,000 CSI2\* Fortress Paper Grand Prix. He then competed in the Sacramento International Horse Show and had two more victories. Fellers won the \$50,000 Grand Prix of Sacramento with Flexible and won the \$25,000 ProEquest Open Jumper Stake with McGuinness. He finished out the year at the Los Angeles National and won the \$50,000 Grand Prix of Los Angeles with Flexible and took second place in the \$31,000 Los Angeles National Welcome Stake with McGuinness.



Fellers began 2012 with a win aboard Colgan Cruise in the \$32,000 HITS Desert Classic during the Desert Circuit II. The following week, he and McGuinness finished third in the \$32,000 HITS Desert Classic. The pair then went on to win \$30,000 SmartPak Grand Prix during the Desert Circuit IV. Fellers finished out the Desert Circuit with a third place finish with Flexible in the \$25,000 SmartPak Grand Prix.

Fellers and Flexible finished fifth at the 2012 USEF Selection Trials for the U.S. Show Jumping Team with a clear round in the second Trial. Their performance earned them a spot on the USEF Long List for the U.S. Show Jumping Team for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The pair was only getting started for the year. Fellers and Flexible won the 2012 Rolex/FEI World Cup, the first American pair to do so in 25 years. Their success only continued when they returned to the states. At the Del Mar National Horse Show, Fellers and Flexible won both the \$50,000 Surfside Grand Prix and the \$100,000 Hermes Grand Prix of Del Mar, which served as Observations Events for the U.S. Show Jumping Team. Fellers also had success with Colgan Cruise, winning the \$60,000 Grand Prix of California.

Fellers and Flexible had a memorable weekend at the Spruce Meadows "Continental" Observation Event, being undefeated in the two classes. The pair completed four clear rounds in two classes, including two jump offs. In the Husky Energy Classic, the two would finish in front of the second place finisher by almost a full second in the jump off. The two would then come back two nights later in the in the \$200,000 CN Performance Grand Prix to finish almost two seconds faster than that night's second place finisher.

In August, Fellers and Flexible represented the U.S. at the 2012 London Olympic Games where they finished eighth individually, making them the highest-placed Americans at the Games.

Upon returning to North America, Fellers won \$53,000 CSI2\* Keg Steakhouse & Bar Grand Prix with McGuinness at Thun-

derbird Show Park in Canada. The pair also finished fifth in the \$50,000 Dianne Tidball Legacy Grand Prix. The following week at Thunderbird proved to be highly successful for Fellers, claiming the top two spots in the \$100,000 Canaccord Genuity World Cup with Flexible and Colgan Cruise respectively and placing second in the \$32,000 CSI2\* Tommy Bahama Grand Prix with McGuinness. At the Spruce Meadows "Masters" Fellers finished first and third with McGuinness and Colgan Cruise in the Telus Cup.

Fellers piloted Flexible to a fourth place finish at the \$55,000 Land Rover Grand Prix of Sacramento. He ended the year by riding McGuinness and Colgan Cruise to second and sixth place finishes in the \$32,000 Los Angeles National Welcome Stake Grand Prix.

For their incredible year in 2012, Fellers was named the USEF Equestrian of the Year and Flexible was named the USEF International Horse of the Year.

Fellers began 2013 on the Desert Circuit finishing third in the \$54,500 HITS Grand Prix CSI-W with Flexible. Two weeks later, the pair won the \$25,000 SmartPak Grand Prix and finished third in the \$50,000 HITS Grand Prix. Fellers and Flexible partnered again in the AIG Thermal \$1 Million Grand Prix to finish in seventh place.

Fellers met and married his wife, Shelley, in 1987 while operating a show jumping stable in Southern California. In 1989, the couple moved north to Oregon to train privately for Harry and Mollie Chapman. The private job and quieter lifestyle of Oregon allowed the Fellers' to start a family. Son Christopher was born in 1991 and daughter Savannah in 1994.



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# Ashlee Bond

Born: April 15, 1985

Residence: Hidden Hills, CA

**Wistful – 10-year-old KWPN mare owned  
by Little Valley Farms**

The child of a horse trainer and a movie producer, Bond got horse sense from her father and creativity from her mother. Both horse people, her parents had her in the saddle when she was 6-months-old, and she was jumping by three.

In 2008, Ashlee Bond won the Maxine Beard Award for her promise in the future of show jumping. She first represented the U.S. in 2008 at Spruce Meadows in Calgary. Bond then made her first Nations Cup experience a winning one at CSIO Buenos Aires with Cadett 7.

With Cadett 7, Bond picked up two wins in World Cup Qualifiers at HITS Thermal in 2009. They won back-to-back classes (the second of which was the \$50,000 World Cup Qualifier) in February, putting in lightning fast performances in each class. They also won in March in the \$50,000 Desert Circuit VI Grand Prix, securing a second place finish in the West Coast League Standings for the World Cup Final. She won the Catena Leading Lady Rider Grand Prix Award for the Desert Circuit Championship for her remarkable performances on the 2009 Circuit. 2009 marked Bond's first trip to the Rolex/FEI World Cup Final.

Bond then competed in the 2009 Meydan Nations Cup series. She and Cadett 7 did something remarkable during Tour One: they jumped three sets of double clear rounds, a feat which is unprecedented. In her first trip to compete in Europe, Bond thrived in the international atmosphere, as did Cadett 7, who's scopey technique was perfect for the big outdoor arenas at CSIO5\*s La Baule, Rome, and St. Gallen. Bond and Cadett 7 continued to represent the U.S. on Tour Two. While in Europe, the pair also picked up a win at the Warsteiner Aachen Grand Prix.

Bond and Cadett 7 returned from Europe on form continuing to produce successful rounds in California. The pair won both the \$40,000 and \$50,000 Grand Prix at Show Park as well as the \$50,000 Los Angeles International Grand Prix.

Bond jumped to strong finishes again in 2010. With Cadett 7, Bond was second in the \$75,000 Equine Couture/Tuff Rider Grand Prix in March. The pair won the World Cup Qualifier Keg Steak House and Bar Grand Prix at Thunderbird in August. In September, Bond and Cadett 7 were part of the winning Nations Cup team at Spruce Meadows.

Bond spent the beginning of the 2011 season jumping in Wellington, FL at the FTI Consulting Winter Equestrian Festival. In February, she and Cadett 7 collected a third place finish in the fourth round of the WEF Challenge Cup, two weeks later they were fourth in round six. With the grey gelding, Chivas Z, Bond won the SunCast 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic in February. The pair also finished fourth in the \$31,000 G & C Farm 1.45m Classic. With Apache, Bond finished fifth in the WEF Challenge Cup round 11.

Bond then traveled to Europe and represented the U.S. at the Rolex/FEI World Cup Final.

Upon returning to the U.S. in 2011, Bond and Chivas Z finished third in the Hagyard Lexington Classic. A week later, the pair came in second at the Rood & Riddle Grand Prix. Bond and Chivas Z continued their success at the Hampton Classic, where they finished second in the \$50,000 Spy Coast Farm Grand Prix Qualifier CSI4\*.

Bond had a good start to 2012. At the Ocala Tournament, she finished second and third in the \$50,000 Ring Power Grand Prix with Wistful and Chivas Z respectively. At the Ocala Winter Celebration, Bond and Wistful finished fifth in the \$25,000 SmartPak Grand Prix. Bond and Apache finished third in the Live Oak Grand Prix at the Live Oak International.

Bond was back on Cadett 7 for the CSI3\* Welcome Cup at

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the Kentucky Spring Show and the pair finished second in the class against 23 other riders. The next weekend, the pair took the big prize when they won the CSI2\* Hagyard Classic at the Kentucky Spring Show.

Bond traveled to Canada at the end of May and with Cadett 7 earned another win in the \$32,000 CSI2\* Thunderbird Show Park Spring Classic and fourth in the \$53,000 Mibroc World Cup. She then traveled to Spruce Meadows to start her summer and won the \$100,000 ESSO Challenge World Cup Qualifier and finished seventh in the \$60,000 AKITA Drilling Cup with Cadett 7 at the "Canada One" CSI4\*-W.

In August, Bond and Wistful partnered to finish third in the \$40,000 Summer Grand Prix at the Showpark Summer Classic. The following weekend, the pair came in second in the \$50,000 Grand Prix of Showpark and sixth in the \$32,000 Showpark Jumper Classic. Bond next found success at the Los Angeles International Jumping Fest finishing second and fourth in the \$50,000 LA International Grand Prix with Wistful and RMW Quenote respectively, as well as a third place finish in the \$30,000 LA International Welcome Stake with RMW Quenote. Bond finished out the year by winning the \$30,000 GGT Footing Grand Prix with Wistful at the Del Mar Fall Festival I.

Bond began 2013 strongly by finishing second in the \$25,000 SmartPak Grand Prix with Cadett 7 and seventh in the \$50,000 EMO Grand Prix with Wistful at the Desert Circuit I. The following week, she and Cadett 7 had another second place finish, this time in the \$33,000 HITS Desert Classic. During the Desert Circuit III, Bond took home top honors in the \$33,000 HITS Desert Classic with Cadett 7 and in the \$54,500 HITS Grand Prix CSI2\*-W with Wistful. The next week, Bond and Cadett 7 came in fourth in the \$50,000 HITS Grand Prix. Bond finished out the Desert Circuit tour with a ninth place finish in the AIG Thermal \$1 Million Grand Prix with Wistful.





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# Karl Cook

Born: December 25, 1990

Residence: Woodside, CA

**Jonkheer Z - 11-year-old Zangerscheide stallion  
owned by Signe Ostby**

Karl Cook is a talented young rider who is making a name for himself on the Grand Prix circuit. In 2009, Cook finished fifth in the \$25,000 Grand Prix with Uno de Laubry during Desert Circuit II. The following week, the pair improved to a fourth place finish in the \$25,000 Grand Prix. Cook won the Junior Jumper High Championship with Notories Utopia during Desert Circuit III, IV, and V. At the Desert Circuit Championship, Cook won the \$25,000 CA Horsetrader Jr/A-O Jumper High Classic with Carlos. Cook then partnered with Notories Utopia to win the \$25,000 Junior/Amateur Owner Grand Prix at the Del Mar National Horse Show in April. A month later, Cook rode Lavito to a second place finish in the \$25,000 Prix d'Pickwick at the Pickwick Summer Classic.

During the summer, Cook traveled to Spruce Meadows and had several top performances there. During the "Continental/Skyliner" CSI4\*, Cook won the Paramount Resources Prix des National with Notories Utopia. The pair then finished second in the Duncan Ross Cup during the "Canada One" CSI4\*.



Cook represented Zone 10 at the 2009 Adequan/FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North. Riding Notories Utopia, Cook was a member of the Bronze medal-winning Young Riders team.

That fall, Cook and Notories Utopia were on the Gold medal-winning Zone 10 team in the \$12,500 USEF Prix des States Team Championship at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show. The pair followed up this performance with a win in the \$20,000 Junior/Amateur Owner Section II Jumper Classic at the Del Mar International I.

Cook started off 2010 by finishing second in the Amateur-Owner Jumper High Championship with Notories Utopia during Desert Circuit I. The pair then won the Amateur-Owner Jumper High Championship during Desert Circuit IV and VI.

At the Del Mar National Horse Show, Cook won the \$25,000 Junior/Amateur Owner Grand Prix with Cappucino and finished seventh in the \$100,000 Grand Prix of Del Mar with ASB Conquistador.

Cook was named a member of the U.S. team for the European Young Riders Tour and had great success. He finished third and fourth in two classes at the CSIOJ-YR Moorseele. At the CSIOJ-YR Reims, Cook won a class with Notories Utopia and was on the U.S. team that finished second in the CSIOYR Nations Cup. The U.S. team was then victorious in the CSIOJ-YR Wierden Nations Cup.

Upon returning to the states, Cook finished second in the \$50,000 Grand Prix of Showpark with Uno de Laubry. He ended the year with a third place finish in the \$75,000 BP Cup with Notories Utopia.

Cook began 2011 on the Desert Circuit, placing third in the \$25,000 HITS Grand Prix with ASB Conquistador during the first week. During the Desert Circuit II, he finished third in the \$50,000 Strongid C 2X Grand Prix CSI-W with Uno de Laubry. The following week the pair finished second in the \$31,000 HITS Grand Prix. He also won the Amateur-Owner/Junior Jumper High Championship during six weeks of competition on the Desert Circuit with multiple horses. He then traveled to Belgium for the CSI3\* Lummen where he won a class with Cappucino.

When he returned to California, Cook had top placings at the Del Mar National Horse Show. Cook finished second in the \$25,000 Junior/Amateur Owner Grand Prix with Notories Utopia and third in the \$25,000 Surfside Grand Prix with ASB Conquistador. He then traveled to the Spruce Meadows "Con-

tinental" CSI4\* and finished second in the \$31,000 Friends of the Meadows Parours de Chasse with Notories Utopia.

In August, Cook finished second in the \$40,000 Menlo Grand Prix with Uno de Laubry at the Menlo Charity Horse Show. The pair then finished second in the \$40,000 Summer Grand Prix at the Showpark Summer Classic. The following month, Cook and Uno de Laubry took home the win in the \$31,000 Blenheim Jumper Classic at the Blenheim Fall Tournament. Their winning streak continued at the Del Mar International, with them earning top honors in the \$31,000 ShowBiz Magazine Welcome Stake.

Cook ended his season with top performances with ASB Conquistador. The pair finished second in the \$50,000 Las Vegas CSI-W Grand Prix at the Las Vegas National then earned third in the \$31,000 Welcome Grand Prix at the Sacramento International Horse Show.

Starting 2012 on the Desert Circuit, Cook and Jonkheer Z finished third in the \$53,000 HITS Grand Prix CSI2\*-W during Desert Circuit III. The following week the pair again finished third, this time in the \$53,000 Purina Mills Grand Prix CSI2\*-W. Cook then partnered with Uno de Laubry for the win in the \$53,000 HITS Grand Prix CSI2\*-W during the Desert Circuit V.

Cook and ASB Conquistador came out on top in the \$35,000 ShowBiz Magazine Welcome Stake at the Del Mar Fall Festival II. He also finished third in the \$55,000 Villas at Rancho Valencia World Cup Grand Prix of Del Mar with Jonkheer Z. Cook finished his season on a high note at the Las Vegas National. In the \$50,000 Las Vegas CSI-W Grand Prix, he claimed the top two places with Jonkheer Z and ASB Conquistador. Cook also took home the win in the \$30,000 Las Vegas Speed Classic with Notories Utopia, as well as finishing third with Banba.

Cook began 2013 with a fourth place finish in the \$54,500 Strongid C 2X GP CSI2\*-W with Jonkheer Z during the Desert Circuit II. The pair also had a fourth place finish during the Desert Circuit III in the \$54,500 HITS Grand Prix CSI2\*-W. Cook and Jonkheer Z had yet another fourth place finish in the AIG Thermal \$1 Million Grand Prix.



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# Lucy Davis

Born: October 22, 1992

Residence: Los Angeles, CA

**Nemo 119 – 14-year-old Holsteiner gelding  
owned by Old Oak Farm**

At just 20 years old, Lucy Davis is already proving to be a force in the Grand Prix ranks, often besting people twice her age.

Davis got an early start, riding as soon as she could walk and taking lessons by the age of five. It was a natural progression for Lucy to take up riding early on as her grandfather works in the horse racing industry.

Throughout her career Davis has been active in both the jumper and equitation ranks. In 2010, she was fourth in the Pessoa/USEF Medal Finals at the Pennsylvania National Horse Show.

Davis jumped in her first Grand Prix, the \$25,000 CA Horse Trader Grand Prix, in the fall of 2008 collecting second place honors.

In the summer of 2009, Davis and the Belgian Warmblood gelding, True Love, travelled to Lexington, KY for the Adequan/FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North, where they earned the Individual Silver medal in the Young Rider Championships for Zone 10.

Their second place at the 2009 Championships earned them a trip to compete in the Youngster Cup at CSI Frankfurt in December of that year. In the final round, Davis and True Love were the only combination to jump clear, beating many of the best European up-and-comers to be crowned champions.

In the summer of 2010 Davis expanded her European experience, spending a month working with Meredith and Markus Beerbaum in Germany.

That same summer, Davis returned to the U.S. and rode Nemo 119 on the Gold-medal winning team and placed fifth individually at the Adequan/FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North.

Davis started the 2011 season by collecting top placings at every turn on the Desert Circuit. In January, Davis teamed up with Hannah to place fifth in the \$50,000 EMO Grand Prix.

Nemo 119 and Davis kicked off the month of March by winning the \$50,000 HITS World Cup Qualifier. Davis returned to the Grand Prix ring the following day with Hannah to win the \$25,000 Smart Pak Grand Prix presented by Pfizer Animal Health.

Teaming up once again with Nemo 119 the following weekend, Davis beat a star-studded field in the largest class of the Desert Circuit, the \$200,000 Lambourguini Grand Prix. This was also Davis' fourth consecutive Grand Prix win.

In April, Nemo 119 and Davis led the victory gallop at the Blenheim Spring Classic III after winning the \$50,000 Royal Champion Grand Prix.

Davis traveled to Europe over the summer, and in Balve, Germany, she finished second in a CSI2\* Small Tour class with Hannah. The pair then went on to finish second again in a CSI4\* class in Geesteren, The Netherlands. Davis and Hannah had yet another second place finish in Europe, this time at Falsterbo, Sweden in a CSIO5\* class.

The pair's success continued in Europe with two first place finishes in the CSI2\* Big Tour and CSI2\* Grand Prix in Verden, Germany. Davis and Hannah also finished second in the CSI2\* Medium Tour.

## In the summer of 2010 Davis expanded her European experience, spending a month working with Meredith and Markus Beerbaum in Germany.

Upon returning to the States, Davis and Nemo 119 finished sixth in the \$250,000 FTI FEI Grand Prix World Cup Qualifier. Davis finished out 2011 by placing third in the Washington International Horse Show's President's Cup World Cup with Nemo 119.

Davis started off 2012 in a big way by finishing tenth with Nemo 119 at the USEF National Show Jumping Championship and being named to the Long List for the U.S. Show Jumping Team. Davis and Nemo 119 were second in the \$50,000 Surfside Grand Prix and sixth in the \$100,000 Hermes Grand Prix of Del Mar. She then traveled to Spruce Meadows, finishing fifth in the \$35,000 Husky Energy Cup at the "Continental" CSI4\*. Davis and Nemo 119 took their talents to Europe in July, finishing sixth in a CSI4\* class at Geesteren, The Netherlands. The pair then finished fourth in a CSI2\* class at Valkenswaard and in a CSI4\* class at Munster.

Upon returning to the states, Davis finished third with Nemo 119 in the \$50,000 World Cup Qualifying Grand Prix at the Blenheim Fall Tournament. The pair then took home second place honors in the \$50,000 Grand Prix of Los Angeles. Davis and Nemo 119 finished out the year with a fifth place finish in the \$50,000 Las Vegas CSI-W Grand Prix.

Davis began 2013 with a second place finish with Nemo 119 in the \$54,500 Strongid C 2X GP CSI2\*-W at the Desert Circuit II. The following weekend, the pair finished tenth in the \$54,500 HITS Grand Prix CSI2\*-W. During the Desert Circuit VII, Davis finished ninth with Barron in the \$25,000 SmartPak Grand Prix - Wild Card.



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# Robert Ridland

## *Chef d'Equipe*

Born: November 7, 1950

Residence: Irvine, CA

Robert Ridland brings to the sport several decades of international experience including two appearances in the Olympic Games during his career as a member of the United States Equestrian Team. Over the years he was victorious on four continents including the American Invitational, the Grand Prix of New York in Madison Square Garden, and the Grand Prix of Switzerland. In addition to his riding career, Ridland has been extensively involved in the governance of the sport, including several terms as a board member of the USEF and the USET. His analytical approach to the sport is aided by virtue of his vast experience as an international course designer.

Ridland twice won the Course Designer of the Year Award while building the courses for the U.S. Olympic Trials as well as numerous international competitions. As an international official, he is the only American to have served as the FEI Technical Delegate for four FEI World Cup Finals. As a television commentator, he worked for many years as the color analyst for ESPN and CBS, as well as two stints for NBC at the Barcelona and Athens Olympic Games.





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# Lizzy Chesson

## Team Leader

Born: April 3, 1977

Residence: Gladstone, NJ

Lizzy Chesson has been deeply rooted in international equestrian sports for many years. As a groom for her mother, she was part of two World Championship Driving teams. At the age of 22, Chesson was selected to drive a pair of horses in the World Pair Championship in Hungary. She is a graduate of Columbia University where she studied German and Spanish and earned a degree in Art History.

Chesson began working for the USEF in 2006. Her first position was in the USEF Show Jumping department as an assistant to Managing Director, Sally Ike. Chesson has been a member of the USEF High Performance Driving Committee and the Chairman of the USEF High Performance Eligible Active Pair Driver Committee. In December 2007, Chesson was promoted to USEF Director of Show Jumping High Performance Activities.

Chesson resides in Gladstone, NJ and still rides and drives when she can find the time. She finds herself incredibly fortunate to work with such an experienced and dynamic team.