

Development at Rocky Mountain Show Jumping

by Lindsey Ross



Anderson Ranch is under construction. Two of their four new barns are shown here.

It is easy to see why Anderson Ranch is becoming, and will remain, a mainstay in the Canadian show jumping scene in the years to come. Development of their facility and the riders and horses that compete remains the primary focus of the management team.

Two weeks of the Rocky Mountain Classic were completed at the end of August, just one week before the Spruce Meadows Masters. When speaking with John Anderson upon the conclusion of the two shows, he said, "Our plans are to grow this venue into a place where riders from around North America can come to develop both themselves and their horses. When we exit 2008, we will have hosted 15 tournaments, with more than \$500,000 in prize money offered, but the real key to me is that there wasn't one jump over 1.45m the entire year."

He continued, "Calgary is synonymous with international show jumping because of the tremendous efforts of Spruce Meadows and the Southern family over the last few decades. We feel there is a need for a stepping stone venue in the country that will help pre-

pare riders and horses for the demands that are seen in the competition ring at events like Spruce Meadows."

As far as developing the horses and riders, RMSJ seems to be on the right track. There were numerous events at the Rocky Mountain Classic helped with that theme, including the conclusion of the \$10,000 Bradon Construction 1.10m Junior/Amateur series as well as the \$20,000 Blue Valley Farms 1.20m Junior/Amateur, series both dedicated solely to the junior and amateur riders of the sport. Instead of hosting these events early in the day, they made them feature classes in the evening during the daily RMSJ sponsored happy hour.

"By hosting these events in the evening in front of a larger crowd of people, the junior and amateur riders will gain experience competing in the evening in front of larger crowds which will help them later in their careers," said co chairman of RMSJ, Tari Anderson.

A young horse series was added to the schedule in 2008, dedicated to the four-, five- and six-year-olds of the sport, in an effort to encourage riders to develop their youngsters. A \$5,000 final

was scheduled for the top horses to be held at the fall tournament.

"It is great to have events like these for us to help develop our younger horses that typically get overlooked at the larger horse shows in the area," said Tamie Phillips of Strathmore, a regular at Anderson Ranch tournaments, who was also second aboard her great mount Lucas in the \$75,000 Oilpatch Grand Prix.

Furthermore, construction was well underway on the permanent stabling promised for 2009. Four covered barns will be completed to hold 288 stalls and shield horses and competitors from the elements, should they arrive, although the two weeks of competition in August this year were blessed with perfect weather. In addition, a grand prix ring tower, an RV area with full hookup, as well as an exhibitor's restaurant and pub are also in the cards for the future.

The RMSJ management team had a very successful tournament season, and the vibe from the exhibitors was positive as to the direction the venue is heading. They truly are a team that cares about their competitors, and we can all look forward to the ongoing development of this show venue into 2009, and the years to come.

Rocky Mountain Classic I

August 20-24, 2008
Calgary, AB

\$50,000 Rocky Mountain Grand Prix

1. Terrific, John Anderson, 0/0, 50.278
2. Lucas, Tamie Phillips, 0/4, 45.308
3. WH Ciris, Boda Wachter, 0/4, 50.38
4. Helrasier Clemence, Tari Zeidler, 0/4, 50.831
5. Monet, Brena Riddell, 0/4, 53.143

\$5,000 Open Jumper Classic – 1. Gesine 36, John Anderson; 2. Woody, Lisa Carlsen; 3. Santos, Tamie Phillips

\$5,000 Jr./Am. Jumper Classic – 1. Peninsula Fly Boy, Aaron Dixon; 2. Peninsula Dynastar, Natalie Anderson; 3. Swoop, Brenda Riddell

\$2,500 Open Welcome – 1. La Boom, Lisa Carlsen; 2. Terrific, John Anderson; 3. Peninsula Illusion, Kyle Timm

\$2,500 Jr./Am. Jumper Classic – 1. Barthez, Jaclyn Jarrell; 2. Cruising with Rosie, Tye McAlister; 3. Peninsula Chinakea, Hayley Patmore



John Anderson and Terrific won the \$75,000 Oilpatch Grand Prix at Andersøen Ranch.

Rocky Mountain Classic II

August 27-31, 2008
Calgary, AB

\$75,000 Oilpatch Grand Prix

1. Terrific, John Anderson, 0/0, 46.86
2. Lucas, Tamie Phillips, 0/0, 42.03
3. Watermark, Gary Brewster, 0/0, 42.56
4. Peninsula Apollo, Jennifer Whyte, 0/0, 48.03
5. Gesine 36, John Anderson, 0/8, 41.77

\$20,000 Open Jumper Classic – 1. WH Cascarina, Beta Wachter; 2. Peninsula J.D., Aaron Dixon; 3. Laforza, Hayley Alfonso

\$5,000 J./Am. Jumper Classic – 1. Zorro, Breanne McAllister; 2. Peninsula Fly Boy, Aaron Dixon; 3. Gobi Good, JJ Atkinson

\$2,500 Jr./Am. Jumper Classic – 1. Clyria, Karen Wozak; 2. Pandora's Charm, Kelley Thurlow; 3. Jyou De Bruz, Taylor Bland

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WCHR Summer Classic at Thunderbird

August 13-17, 2008
Langley, B.C.

\$50,000 Sea to Sky Grand Prix

1. Flexible, Rich Fellers
2. Zeline, Andrea Strain
3. Rip Tide, Bryna Closson
4. S.F. Shakira, Jennifer Crooks
5. Luigi, Andrea Strain

\$25,000 Thunderbird Show Park Grand Prix – 1. Flexible, Rich Fellers; 2. Catwalk, Darrin Dlin; 3. Luigi, Andrea Strain

Open Jumper Level 7 4'6" – CH: S.F. Sadin, Jennifer Crooks; CH: Lolita, Megan Jordan; RES: Hilda Rouge, Stephanie Kelly

Mod. Jumper Level 6 4'3" – CH: Fleur De Careme, Tani Zeidler; RES: Enzo, Laura Jane Tidball; RES: Colgan Cruise, Rich Fellers

Training 2 Jumper Level 4 3'9" – CH: Secret Cove, Andrew More; CH: Adios, Lindsey Paton; RES: Karolyne EP, Lindsey Paton

Training 1 Jumper Level 4 3'6" – CH: Lucky Boy, Alya Martinoff; RES: My Fair Lady, Georgia Young

Open Jumper Level 3 3'3" – CH: Nikkenburge, Robyn Hunt; CH: Laguna, Amelia Vernon; RES: Petit Cheval, Brian Mortin

Open Jumper Level 2 3' – CH: Just Like That, Aiden Pettigrew; RES: Irish, Karin Barreau

Jr./Am. Jumper Level 5 4' – CH: Mary Gold, Kati Macoun; RES: Gobi Good, JJ Atkinson; RES: Peter Pan, Jasmine Wiggins

Jr./Am. Jumper Level 3 3'3" – CH: Just Like That, Aiden Pettigrew; RES: Party Shoes, Natalie Anderson

Jr./Am. Jumper Level 2 3' – CH: Piazz, Sarah Thackray; RES: Aspen, Justine Thomas

Beg. Jumper Level 1 – CH: Pacific Celica, Elizabeth Funk; RES: Suri's Up, Shannon Casey

Pony Jumper Level 2 – CH: Mustang Sally, Jenna Macoun; RES: Jewel, Karter Duke

Beg. Working Hunter – CH: Franklin T Turtle, Ashleigh Robin; RES: Pool Side, Jack Hammond

Mod. Jr./Am. Working Hunter – CH: Lorelei, Leah Raphael; RES: Bombay, Miranda Coon


Second Year Green Working Hunter – CH: Fourth Dimension, Jack Hammond; RES: Pool Side, Jack Hammond

First Year Green Working Hunter – CH: Hyde Park, Corene Smith; RES: Silhouette, Ashleigh Robin

Thunderbird Hunter 3'6" – CH: Palladio, Nancy Free; RES: Silvano, Darrin Dlin


Pre-Green Hunter 3'3" – CH: Porsha K, Ashleigh Robin; RES: Oak Bay, Bill Ulmer

Pre-Green Hunter 3' – CH: Fortunate, Nancy Free; RES: H Liberty Legend, Corene Smith



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