



SOLID GROUND: Riders enjoy the new footing at the Rocky Mountain Show Jumping Indoor Show.

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WINTER FUN INDOORS

Rocky Mountain Show Jumping Winter Training Series I

FEBRUARY 2-4 FOUND 150 COMPETITORS

milling around Anderson Ranch, enjoying the new footing, great friends, and awesome classes in the first of four Winter Series events hosted by Rocky Mountain Show Jumping.

This tournament launched the new Developing Riders Tour introduced by RMSJ just this year. The Tour provides the opportunity for the more novice riders to compete for points and a chance to be crowned Gold, Silver or Bronze medal winner at the end of the 8 tournament series. In order to be eligible for the finals, riders must compete in 4 out of 8 shows offered by Rocky Mountain Show Jumping in any of the six divisions encompassing the Tour.

When asked what she thought of the Developing Riders Tour,



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There was lots to see and do at the Winter Training Series at Anderson Ranch in Calgary, AB.

Torie Klassen of Blue Valley Farms told me that, "I think it's a good idea to aid the development of young riders and to prepare them with the basic skills required to pursue higher levels of sportsmanship and horsemanship in the Hunter/Jumper industry".

After asking John and Tani Anderson why they introduced the Tour, they responded together almost simultaneously, "to give the youth in the sport a place where they can compete alongside some of their peers in the sport, much like we had the opportunity to do growing up with Spruce Meadows in our back yard."

Caroline Jones, Show Manager at RMSJ also told me that,

"Parents and riders were abuzz

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over the new footing, beautiful jumps, prizes and great food! I'm very excited about this year's Winter Training Series."

And it's so true... the footing is unreal!!! The traction and control that riders feel is like none other. You and your horse will definitely notice a difference!

You will just have to go by and try it out for yourself. The footing is one of many new things to experience at RMSJ. They welcome you to their next Series in March, and hope that you will enjoy the new footing, great classes, and new online scheduling.

"I like the classes at Anderson's because they provide a wide selection of divisions available to both professionals schooling young horses, and clients who want to get some warm up practice on their own horses." (Torie Klassen)

So overall, IT WAS A HIT!! - Submitted by Lisa Halowski. [See results from this show on page 81]