



### NEWSLETTER / DECEMBER 2015

## WELCOME!

Dear Friends,

2015 has again been a fantastic year for Equestrian Sports and for the Jumping Owners Club!

We started the year with a successful meeting at the FEI Headquarters, in the presence of the FEI President, Mr Ingmar De Vos and FEI Secretary General, Mrs Sabrina Ibanez On February 5th. Mrs Mégret, Committee Member and myself had the opportunity to discuss the collaboration between the FEI and the JOC and a potential Memorandum of Understanding between our entities.



The 2015 highlight was, of course, the FEI European Championships in Aachen in August, where the Jumping Owners Club witnessed great sport. The Club was proud to present the Owner of the Year Award 2014 to the Holsteiner Association, owner of the powerful bay stallion, Casall Ask, ridden by Rolf-Göran Bengtsson.

The Jumping owners Club also presented a surprise Lifetime Achievement Award to Madeleine Winter-Schulze, in front of a fully booked stadium, to recognize and thank Madeleine for her outstanding contribution to Equestrian Sports.

In October, the JOC had booked a VIP table for a dinner during the CSI-W in Lyon. The Club spent a good evening highlighted by the victory of Mr and Mrs Mégret's great Flora de Mariposa. This victory contributed to the convivial and festive ambience at the table!

The end of the year was marked by the CHI 5\*Geneva, which was recently voted the world's best showjumping event for the 7th time by l'Année Hippique. The Club seized this opportunity to hold its annual General Assembly in the Hermès Riders Lounge on Friday December 11th, 2015. We had the chance to welcome 2 interesting guest speakers: MRs Eleonora Ottaviani - Director of the International Jumping Riders Club and Mr John Roche - FEI Director of Show-Jumping as well as several Club Members to discuss the development of Show-Jumping. The Jumping Owners Club Members were also invited for lunch or dinner in the Rolex VIP lounge, to celebrate the end of the year.

2016 will hit a flying start with the JOC's first social function in the United States. Indeed, the Jumping Owners Club will organize a cocktail dinner on Saturday, March 11th, during the \$380,000 FEI World CupTM Grand Prix 5\* at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your outstanding commitment, to wish you all a happy and healthy Holiday Season and the all best in the New Year!



Best wishes, Christian Baillet - Chairman

## JUMPING OWNERS CLUB GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

On December 11th, 2015 the Jumping Owners Club hosted its annual General Assembly in the Hermès riders Lounge which had been reserved for the Club from 10:30 to 12:00.

Despite a meeting organised early in the weekend, many Jumping Owners Club members attended the General Assembly and contributed to the discussions.

Christian Baillet, Chairman, started by explaining the very good state of the Club's finances.

Eleonora Ottaviani, Director of the International Jumping Riders Club was invited to present the activities of the Club, the help provided to riders and owners, if needed, as well as their view on the World's rankings system. Mrs Ottaviani reminded everyone that the IJRC created the formula of the rankings and still hold the rights on it. However the commercialisation of the rankings belonged to the FEI.

Eleonora explained that the IJRC and the FEI were in discussions to come up with an improved formula for the Rankings that would not be based solely on the prize money. The task is long and arduous but the Riders Club felt confident that a better formula could be found that could better serve all riders. The JOC does not need to be represented in that commission according to the IJRC as the subject is difficult and rules are complicated.

Mrs Ottaviani answered all questions from the assistance and reminded them of the existence of the Club for all questions from the riders or their owners. She also mentioned the Young Riders academy that the IJRC created and told the owners that these upcoming riders all needed support from owners.

John Roche, Show-Jumping Director at the FEI then gave a non-exhaustive update on the sport's development and more specifically on the Olympic Games 2020 Agenda. John Roche reminded everyone that the IOC made a clear demand to all sports Federations and that the FEI had to come up with proposals meeting the IOC requests such as a greater number of represented Nations at the Olympic Games, without increasing the number of athletes or horses! Changes were currently being discussed such as no drop score and team of 3 riders only. Further discussions will be held at the upcoming Sports Forum in April 2016 in Lausanne.



John Roche (FEI Jumping Director); Eleonora Ottaviani (JJRC Director), Christian Baillet (JOC Chairman) and Ralf Straus (FEI Commercial Director)



M. Mégret, Mrs Mégret, Ralf Straus & John Roche

John Roche also firmly confirmed the position of the FEI regarding the Global Champions League: This event is still unsanctioned and therefore not approved by the FEI which is using all legal means to seek full annulment of the Belgian Sport Authority decision.

As Intermediary measure: athletes and horses competing in the Global Champions League will not be sanctioned. But this measure is temporary as the FEI continues fighting strongly against the Global Champions League.

John Roche then brushed up on a series of other subjects and cleared up all doubts and questions from the assistance in regards to the rules of show-jumping

Further side discussions took place after the meeting was adjourned by the President.

The minutes of the General Assembly will be circulated to the members of the Club after they have been approved by all parties. John Roche also firmly confirmed the position of the FEI regarding the Global Champions League: This event is still unsanctioned and therefore not approved by the FEI which is using all legal means to seek full annulment of the Belgian Sport Authority decision.

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Description: For a select few of Equestrian Jumping's truly elite athletes, the Olympic field of play awaits. Be there to witness the glory and drama of competition intensely focused on deciding who will stand victorious atop the podium.

## Package Details

- » Accommodations Golden Tulip Continental Hotel (4 star) conveniently located adjacent to iconic Copacabana beach. Enjoy the best of Rio's sights and sounds only steps from your door.
- Event Tickets Pre-selected tickets to some of the » most soughtafter events.
- Dining Breakfast conveniently offered daily at your >> package hotel.
- Ground Transport Transfers are not included in this >> package though note use of Rio's public transportation system is included for each day you hold an Olympic event ticket.
- Management Experienced program managers and » staff available throughout your stay in Rio to ensure seamless program execution.

## Not Included

- Transportation to/from Rio de Janeiro >>
- Ground Transportation >>
- Hotel incidentals 55
- Excursions >>

## **Estimated Price**

- » PER PERSON (SINGLE) AUD \$17,379 USD \$13.149 EURO €12,423
- PER PERSON (DOUBLE) >> AUD \$9,791 USD \$7,408 EURO €6,999

## Program

Saturday, August 13 (Arrival) 15:00 - 23:00 Hotel Check-in

#### Sunday, August 14

10:00 - 13:45

Equestrian Jumping (ES001) - Jumping Individual Qualification (Cat. B) Olympic Equestrian Centre

August 13-20, 2016

8 Days / 7 Nights

**Ticket Inclusions:** 

**Equestrian - Jumping** 

Monday, August 15 Leisure Day

#### Tuesday, August 16

10:00 - 13:00Equestrian Jumping (ES002) - Jumping Team Qualification (Cat. B) Olympic Equestrian Centre

#### Wednesday, August 17

10:00 - 12:45 Equestrian Jumping (ES003) - Jumping Team Finals (Cat. B) Olympic Equestrian Centre

#### Thursday, August 18 Leisure Day

Friday, August 19

10:00 - 15:00

Equestrian Jumping (ES004) - Jumping Individual Final Round A; Jumping Individual Final Round B (Cat. B) **Olympic Equestrian Centre** 

#### Saturday, August 20 (Departure) 07:00 - 11:00 Hotel Check-out

Pricing and availability are subject to change. Rooms for two (2) people may be furnished with either one bed or two beds. Package itinerary is subject to change due to event cancellation/rescheduling by the rio organizing committee and/or other unforeseen circumstances to book a package, or for additional information please visit www.cosport.com.























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