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WELCOME WORD

Dear Friends,

This year, the Jumping Owners Club was pleased to present the 2015 Owner of the Year Award on the occasion of the CSIO5* in La Baule. The Club had the pleasure to reward his Majesty Mohamed IV, Owner of Quickly de Kreisker. Read more about this amazing prize-giving ceremony further on in this newsletter.

As you know, following weeks of negotiations, the Club has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the FEI. The Memorandum of Understanding was initiated by the FEI and elaborated this year thanks to the good cooperation between the FEI and our Club.

FEI President Ingmar de Vos, FEI Secretary General Sabrina Zeender and myself had briefly touched on the subject when we first met in February 2015. The project implementation took some time before we could establish a satisfying contract for both parties. As a result of these negotiations, a Member of the Jumping Owners Club will now be invited to take part in the discussions of the Jumping Committee every time there will be issues concerning Owners. The hard work of the Club is slowly but surely paying off since we have been able to strengthen our position within the Sport's Governing Body and we have become the official voice of owners in the Sport.

The Club is still discussing the Horses Hall of Fame, an idea brought up by the FEI. There are still of few questions that have to be cleared up such as the physical form of the Hall of fame, the criteria for the horses nomination and who should be funding and owning the project.



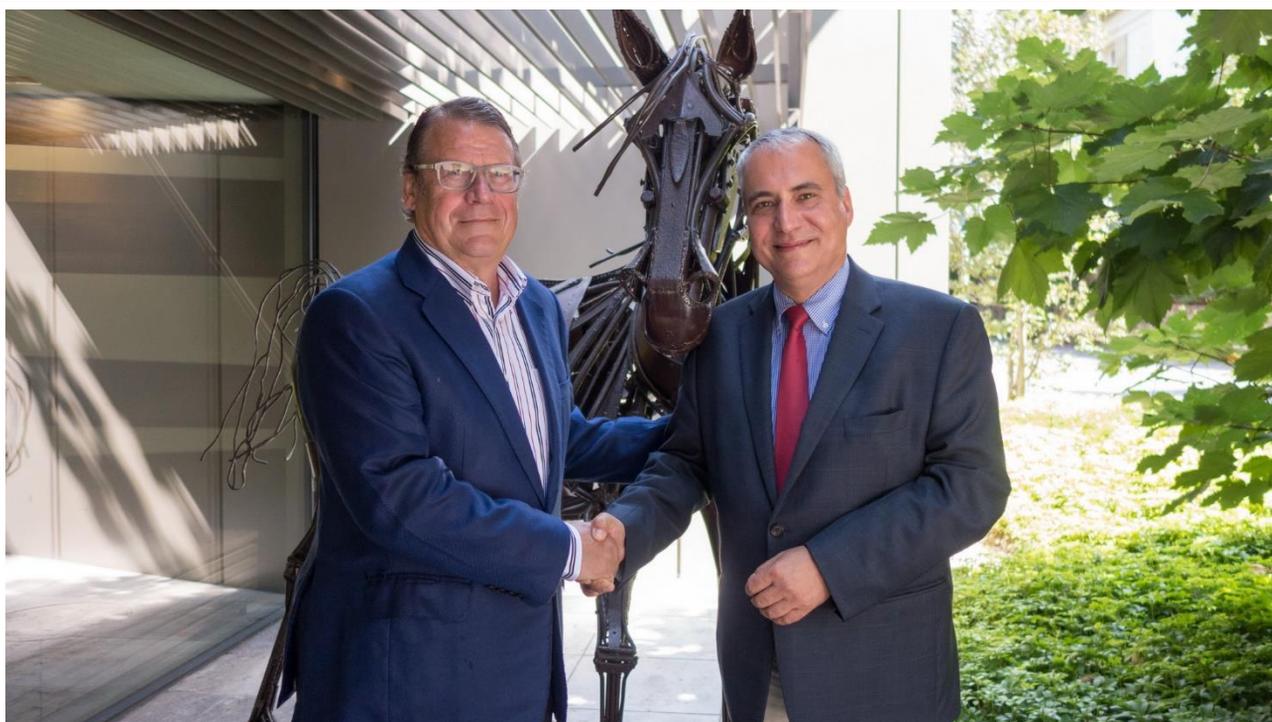
We will come back to you about project once we know more and after the FEI Jumping Committee Meeting in September.

This year, our General Assembly will be held in Barcelona on the occasion of the Nations Cup Final. More details will be sent closer to the date by email.

I wish you all many successes for the upcoming shows and for the Olympic Games if you have a horse competing in Rio. I hope that you will keep taking an active part in the life of our Club.

Best regards,

Christian Baillet - Chairman



Jumping Owners Club signs Memorandum of Understanding with FEI

The Jumping Owners Club (JOC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the FEI, the world governing body for equestrian sport.

The Jumping Owners Club (JOC), formed in 2004, provides a communication link between horse owners and the FEI, as well as providing a platform for owners worldwide to share their common passion of equestrianism.

The JOC focuses on growing the popularity of the sport around the world and is the sole body representing the views and opinions of the owners.

The JOC and the FEI presents the Owner of the Year Award to the owner of the most successful horse in Jumping annually.

This partnership agreement will see these two organisations continue to work closely together to support the development of equestrian sport internationally.

“It is really good to be able to formalise the partnership between the FEI and the Jumping Owners Club through this Memorandum of Understanding”, FEI President Ingmar De Vos said. “We believe it's important to recognise the fundamental role of the horse owners, highlighting their dedication and contributions to our sport. We are delighted to welcome Christian Baillet, President of the Jumping Owners Club, today to the FEI Headquarters to sign the MOU in order to further cement our relationship and continue to support the development of equestrian sport.”

“With a mutual commitment to enrich the relationship between our two organisations, we look forward to a greater sharing of information and best practice across our sport. Both organisations have a reputation for the delivery of high standards, through the exchanging of expertise. From our experience in these fields we can not only learn from each other, but further develop our strong and sustainable collaboration.”

“As the president of the International Jumping Owners Club, I am glad to see that owners are being recognised by the Sport's Governing Body, allowing the JOC to become the official voice of horses owners in the world”, Christian Baillet, President of the Jumping Owners Club said.

“This memorandum of understanding will enable us to take a more active part in the development of the sport we are all so passionate about, while always putting our horses' welfare in absolute priority.”

“I would like to thank FEI President, Mr Ingmar De Vos and his team for their support over the years. We look forward to a continued and successful collaboration.”



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Health Advice relevant to the Olympic Games Rio 2016 in Brazil (adapted from WHO advice)

Vaccine preventable diseases

A medical consultation should be scheduled at least 4–8 weeks before departure in order to allow sufficient time for optimal immunization schedules to be completed and effective for both, routine vaccines and vaccines indicated according to the specific itinerary. However, even when departure is imminent, there is still time to provide both advice and possibly some vaccines. There is comprehensive medical cover at all venues as described in the Rio 2016 medical guide and in case of illness for any reason during the Games it is important to seek the advice of a health professional.

Routine vaccines

Routine immunizations should be checked including **diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps** and **rubella**. It is critical that measles and rubella vaccinations are up to date in order to prevent the importation of cases into Brazil (rubella was eliminated from Brazil in 2009).

Influenza: Travellers to Brazil should consider vaccination, particularly those at risk of serious complications of influenza (such as individuals with asthma or diabetes). The prevailing influenza strain currently circulating in Brazil A(H1N1) pdm09 (swine flu) is included in both Northern hemisphere 2015-2016 and Southern hemisphere 2016 vaccines. Travellers not already immunised in the last 9 months who decide to receive influenza vaccine should receive it at least two weeks prior to departure.

Travel-related vaccines

- **Hepatitis A** is recommended since Brazil is prone to hepatitis A outbreaks.

If travelling outside Rio and depending on the specific travel itinerary, vaccines that might be considered for some travellers include:

- **Typhoid fever:** advised if travelling to Manaus
- **Rabies:** the risk of rabies infection in Rio de Janeiro and the remaining five cities hosting the Games is negligible. Travellers visiting rural areas or deprived urban areas where canine vaccination rate is low should consider getting immunized.
- **Yellow fever:** The vaccination is recommended for travellers, older than 9 months, planning to visit areas at risk of yellow fever transmission (see: http://gamapserver.who.int/mapLibrary/Files/Maps/ITH_YF_vaccination_americas.png?ua=1). Vaccination is not recommended for travellers limiting their stay to Rio de Janeiro, Salvador and São Paulo.

Mosquito-borne diseases

In addition to yellow fever, mosquito-borne diseases transmitted by *Aedes* mosquitoes in many countries as well as Brazil include Zika virus disease, chikungunya, and dengue.

The Olympics will take place during the winter season in Rio de Janeiro when the cooler and drier weather will reduce mosquito populations, so the risk of infection due to mosquito borne diseases is at its lowest. Rio de Janeiro authorities are also undertaking an extensive programme of vector (mosquito) control activities and are increasing these activities in the lead up to, and during the Games.

Travellers should take personal protective measures throughout the whole day to prevent mosquito bites. In accordance with WHO advice these include the use of appropriate repellents and wearing of light-coloured loose fitting clothing. Repellents should contain either DEET (diethyltoluamide) 20% or more, or IR 3535, or Picaridin, and may be applied to exposed skin or to clothing (but not under clothing) and have been shown to be effective and safe, although some individuals may suffer skin sensitivity especially if applied over zealously and under clothing. The percentage of DEET does not increase its mosquito repelling power but rather increases its longevity of action, with repeat application normally needed several times a day. Repellents must be used in strict accordance with the label instructions, including regarding the duration of protection conferred. Any sunscreen should be applied first.

Zika virus disease

Zika virus infection usually causes a mild disease and the majority of cases of Zika virus infection show no symptoms. However there is scientific consensus that Zika virus is a cause of microcephaly and in very rare cases Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Zika virus is nearly always spread by mosquitoes, though cases of sexual transmission have been documented. Therefore, while measures to prevent mosquito bites are the most effective way to reduce the risk of Zika virus infection, on the basis of current knowledge about Zika virus disease and its complications, the following is recommended in accordance with the advice of the World Health Organisation with whom the IOC are working closely:

- Pregnant women should not to travel to areas of ongoing Zika virus transmission, including Brazil.
- Pregnant women whose sexual partners live in or travel to areas with Zika virus transmission should adopt safer sexual practices (barrier contraception) or abstain from sex for the duration of their pregnancy.
- Couples or women planning a pregnancy, living or returning from areas where transmission of Zika virus is known to occur, are strongly recommended to wait at least **8 weeks** before trying to conceive; and 6 months if the male partner was symptomatic.
- Men and women returning from areas where transmission of Zika virus is known to occur should adopt safer sex practices or consider abstinence for at least **8 weeks** upon return. If before or during that period Zika virus symptoms (rash, fever, arthralgia, myalgia or conjunctivitis) occur, men should adopt safer sex practices or consider abstinence for at least 6 months.
- In case of suspected Zika virus infection see a medical practitioner for appropriate clinical management and testing. The test for Zika is improving but is still inaccurate, so the decision whether to test for Zika virus should be made on an individual basis in consultation with a medical practitioner.
- Travellers should not donate blood for at least one month after return.

- To the extent possible, all travellers should use personal protective measures such as insect repellent for at least three weeks after returning from the Games to avoid being bitten and potentially spreading the infection to other people through mosquito bites.

WHO are continuing to monitor the situation, and as new scientific information on Zika is published the medical advice will be updated between now and the Games in August.

The latest travel advice and recommendations issued by WHO regarding Zika virus disease and travellers is available at:

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2016/zika-health-advice-olympics/en/>

<http://who.int/csr/resources/publications/zika/sexual-transmission-prevention/en/>

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/information-for-travelers/en/>

http://www.who.int/ith/updates/2016_04_11/en/

<http://www.who.int/emergencies/zika-virus/en/>

<http://www.who.int/features/qa/zika/en/>

Malaria

The risk of malaria transmission is negligible or non-existent except in the Northern states of Brazil including the city of Manaus (see: <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/images/jpg/2015/junho/24/Mapa-de-risco-2014.jpg>). In these areas, in addition to mosquito bite prevention, antimalarial tablets such as atovaquone–proguanil, or doxycycline, or mefloquine should be considered.

General advice

Food and water safety

Due to the high incidence of gastrointestinal infections in Brazil travellers should take precautions to avoid illnesses caused by unsafe food and drink. These include: frequent hand washing and always before handling and consuming food; making sure that food has been thoroughly cooked and remains steaming hot; choosing safe water (e.g. bottled water or, if in doubt, water vigorously boiled); avoiding any uncooked food, apart from fruits and vegetables that can be peeled or shelled; avoiding foods at buffets, markets, restaurants and street vendors if they are not kept hot or refrigerated/on ice. The safest food will be that provided in the Olympic Village and venues.

Recreational Water

The quality of recreational water areas in Rio de Janeiro has been known to vary and visitors should follow the advice issued by local authorities on whether it is safe to swim. A number of actions have been taken on the bodies of water being used for the Games to improve their water quality.

Sun protection and hydration

Travellers to Brazil should also take precautions about exposure to the sun by using sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat and avoid dehydration by drinking bottled water.

Health advice for visitors to Brazil issued by Brazilian health authorities is available at:

http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9656, and is also available from national authorities including the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/_layouts/forms/Publication_DispForm.aspx?List=4f55ad51-4aed-4d32-b960-af70113dbb90&ID=1486

Award of the Year 2015

His Majesty the King, Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, owner of the top ranked bay Stallion Quickly de Kreisker, has been named Owner of the Year for 2015 by the Jumping Owners Club.

Ridden by Moroccan star Abdelkebir Ouaddar, Quickly de Kreisker enjoyed a string of successes throughout 2015, including notable victories in the CSI5* Al Shaqab Grand Prix and in the Global Champions Tour Grand Prix in Doha, as well as victories in the CSI4* in Bourg en Bresse; CSI5* Saint-Tropez and CSI 5*Chantilly. The pair also placed many times in various high-level classes in 2015.



The Award was presented by Christian Baillet, President of the Jumping Owners Club, to Prince Moulay Abdellah Alaoui, President of the Royal Moroccan Federation for Equestrian Sports and Abdelkebir Ouaddar, on behalf of His Majesty the King Mohamed VI, during the CSIO 5* La Baule (FRA) .

Christian Baillet, President of the Jumping Owners Club was pleased to hear that a horse competing for Morocco was named best horse of the year, *“The Jumping Owners Club is proud to highlight the importance of owners in Equestrian Sports. This year’s award is very special as it is going to His Majesty Mohamed VI, King of Morocco, who is greatly helping to promote equestrian sports in his country. It is also a perfect illustration of the growing universalisation of show-Jumping which is very promising for the future of Equestrian Sports”*.

The FEI Owner of the Year Award was created in 2004 to recognise the most successful owner of each year in the discipline of Jumping. To determine the winner, a classification is established for all horse and rider combinations based on points during the calendar year. The owner of the horse of the winning combination receives the award; a bronze sculpture specifically created for the Jumping Owners Club.





"It is so important to recognise the incredible commitment and passion the owners dedicate to our sport, as well as the support they provide to ensure our athletes have access to world-class horses", FEI President, Ingmar de Vos said. "Owners play such a crucial role and go unrecognised far too often. Without them we wouldn't have a sport. This award is to acknowledge that dedication and loyalty, and we are delighted that the 2015 Owner of the Year award goes to His Majesty Mohamed VI, King of Morocco for his wonderful horse Quickly de Kreisker. Quickly and his rider Abdelkebir Ouaddar are a joy to watch and have given so many people so much pleasure. We wish them every success for their Olympic debut in Rio where they will be the first Moroccan equestrian athletes to compete at the Olympic Games."

The choice of the CSIO La Baule is noteworthy, Christian Baillet continued: *"The Club was glad to have the opportunity to present the trophy in France, home country of legendary rider Marcel Rozier, who has been successfully training the Moroccan team for many years."*



Previous winners of the Owner of the Year Award are John, Pat and Lisa Hales (GBR) for Arko III in 2004 and 2005; Mrs Serena Hamberg (AUT) for The Sixth Sense in 2006; Mrs Nancy Clark (USA) for Shutterfly in 2007; Mr Eric Lamaze (CAN) & Mr John Fleischhacker (USA) for Hickstead in 2008, 2009 and 2010, Mrs Beverley Widowson (GBR) for Carlo 273 in 2011 and Big Star in 2012, Jane Clark for Cella in 2013 and the Holsteiner Association for Casall Ask in 2014.

Interview with Emmanuèle and Armand Perron-Pette



Interview, Jumping <http://equestrio.com/insider/interview-with-emmanuele-and-armand-perron-pette/>

A winning duo

We could recall that Armand and Emmanuèle Perron-Pette are business leaders, owners of the Stud farm Coudrettes, initiators of the unique Jumpfive concept in France, members of the JOC, 200% involved in the development of their sport, but this would be forgetting the essential; that they are first and above all passionate about horses. Here is a duo which between professionalism, excellence and sponsorship always plays the game, and soon The Games.... Latest project in motion: the creation of a company associated with a prestigious bank in order to establish a financial holding for jumping horses called "Jump Invest". The goal: to allow individuals who do not wish to dash into the adventure of managing and controlling a stable by themselves to be able to, through their investment, live this experience in exclusive partnership with Jumpfive. Stay tuned....

What does it mean "to increase the space of owners in jumping"?

It means acknowledging that the owner is a center piece of the chessboard, an integral part of the success, or not, of a team and as such deserves a particular attention.

This approach has since long been acquired by the racing world. Ranging from the way in which owners are informed about the evolution of their horse in the training to the way they are welcomed and expected at events; the model is exemplary.

What are the values being represented at the heart of the Jumping Owners Club?

The first and most important value is indisputably the search for the absolute wellbeing of our horses. It is up to us to remain attentive that the regulations, in place at top level events of the professional circuit, such as the welcoming conditions (footing, boxes, security...) have the comfort and respect for our horses who constantly travel all across the world as a primary objective.

What are the changes or steps forward that the JOC has taken part in?

First of all, the JOC allowed for a meeting of owners coming from all over the world. We created friendly bonds with people who share our passion and whom we could have come across on multiple occasions at CSI events without greeting one other. The JOC permitted for the status as owner to finally be recognized by the federal authorities. Our opinion is regularly, if not to say constantly, being sought at important exchanges concerning the regulation of our sport. These are only opinions, but things can still evolve.

What are the links of the JOC to the FEI and the FFE?

Our president Christian Baillet was able to establish reliable links with the FEI and the FFE. The welcoming of owners has also improved at CSIO5* events as well as at CSI events of the Rolex and the Athina Onassis circuits. We now have to work together with the organizers of these circuits so that the access given to owners is not exclusively reduced to the stables and to make it possible for us to follow our horses to the arena in a respectable manner, at least with the same rights than our riders, without the obligation to purchase a VIP table.

What points for improvement are you working on as member to increase the popularity of jumping on a national and worldwide scale? Is the visibility of jumping inseparable from digital communication? What is the position of the JOC towards these new communications modes?

We try to keep our HDC Facebook page alive in the most sincere way and we also created Facebook pages in the name of our horses active on the CSI5* circuit.

We furthermore try to encourage sport journalists of the general press to get to know our sport by inviting and welcoming them to certain events when they are accessible.

Our sport has the uniqueness that it associates an athlete to the degree of connivance that he manages to establish with a living being whose affective potential is absolutely extraordinary. Thus, when our mare SILVANA* HDC took her sport retreat we wanted to associate the public to this emotional moment. This also became the occasion to present the entire HDC/JUMPFIVE team, who work in the shadows all year around in order to enable riders to take part at the biggest CSI5* of the world each weekend.

Thanks to the willingness of our president and the talent of Magali, the JOC has rapidly evolved over the past two years to establish, thanks to digital, a link between its members and create an effective communication tool towards the representative authorities of our sport.

What has fundamentally changed with regards to the owner status over the past 10 years? Is money now king at the cost of sportive values?

The strong arrival and rapid increase of private circuits such as the Global Champions Tour, the Grand Slam or the Athina Onassis Horse Show have entirely changed the face of our sport. First of all the number of CSI5* events proposed yearly has exploded. There is not one weekend in the year without a CSI5*. Certain weekends two CSI are even in competition.



Obviously we have to be delighted! Riders who have access to these events are nowadays truly able to practice their job under optimal conditions.

The difficulty essentially lies in the quality of the stable that a rider needs today in order to remain in or access the top 30, the access key to these events. A rider must be able to participate at an event of this circuit on a regular basis, if not to say every weekend, in order to maintain himself in the top 30. To be able to do so he needs at least 3 Grand Prix horses in his stable.

Formerly, a rider who was equipped with one very good horse could claim to participate more or less occasionally at a few Grand Prix competitions of this level. Nowadays this seems difficult unless a sponsor is found who is willing to finance the participation of his rider under the quota of "invited" at events in order to be able to gain precious Ranking points.

The status of owner has evolved simultaneously to the one of a rider in an environment which has undergone a real mutation. More than being an owner of horses, he becomes the full sponsor of his rider. The values of the sport have in themselves not changed. It still takes a lot of talent and hard work for a rider to reach the Grail.

What advice would you give to future investors of top level horses?

Investing into sport horses goes beyond the financial character, entering a world of enthusiasts. It is especially necessary, as in any operation, to choose your partners well (rider, coach, veterinary, blacksmith...) This is the key to success; the quality of the people you will link yourself to. You also need to remain lucid. You are investing into a living being, the risks are tenfold but so are the moments of great happiness.