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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Following an impressive start to 2012, the world of Show Jumping is looking better than ever. I am pleased to see a continued investment in the sport, as well as an increasing number of members joining the JOC, which will see the high calibre of Show Jumping become even more renowned. In this newsletter I have included recent news, as well as issues that were debated at the previous General Assembly.

I look forward to, once again, seeing you all at the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Jumping Final at 's-Hertogenbosch.

Best regards,

Christian Baillet



CLUB UPDATE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2011 JOC General Assembly was held on 10 December 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland. The JOC Chairman, Mr. Christian Baillet, opened the meeting by introducing Ms. Nici Kennedy, who was appointed on 1 December 2011 as Executive Assistant to the JOC.

Mr. Baillet went on to update members on a number of points of interest including the creation of a JOC website. This endeavour is to be made possible thanks directly to the outstanding ongoing collaboration with Rolex, and Mr. Baillet was very happy to confirm that the original partnership agreement made with Rolex has been renewed for a further three years.

A number of issues relevant to the FEI were then discussed, such as that of calendar clashes. Mr. Baillet reported that the JOC's relationship with the FEI Director of Jumping and Stewarding,

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Captain John Roche, continued to be an extremely positive one.

Finally, it was agreed that given the current membership numbers, a single meeting per year was sufficient, and that the next meeting should take place on the morning of Saturday 21 April 2012 at the World Cup Final in 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands.

For full details on the General Assembly, and a copy of the minutes from Geneva, please contact: nicikennedy@hotmail.com.

JOC WEBSITE

In collaboration with Rolex and its PR agency, the JOC is in the process of creating its first official website. The project is well underway and the launch of the site is planned to coincide with the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Final weekend in April.

One of the aims of the JOC in developing this platform is to create a user-friendly communications tool for members. The site will include useful information on forthcoming international events, updates on JOC activities, and news from the FEI and other equestrian organisations.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

December 2011 – Eric Lamaze (CAN) has acquired seven new horses, including three Olympic hopefuls – Verdi, Luikka, and Derly Chin de Muze – following the sudden loss of equestrian superstar, Hickstead. Eric competed for the first time in January 2012 with nine-year-old gelding, Verdi, who is owned by Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stable; the partnership also purchased nine-year-old mare, Luikka.

December 2011 – Pius Schwizer (SUI) has added a new horse to his stable following the acquisition of six-year-old mare, Rafale des Forrets. She is owned by Francois Leizer, who is part owner of Ulysse and Carlina.

January 2012 – Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER) has sold 11-year-old mare, Kismet 50, to new owners, Howard and Gwen Dvorkin. Kismet 50, who has ranked highly at several international-level competitions with Michaels-Beerbaum, will now be ridden by 39-year-old Ray Texel.



January 2012 – Edwina Tops-Alexander (AUS) has purchased eight-year-old grey mare, Erenice Horta, winner of the 2011 Belgium Championship. Erenice Horta is now part owned by Roshoeve NV and Jan Tops.

January 2012 – Marcus Ehning (GER) has acquired Gregory Wathelet's (BEL) Copin van de Broy. Wathelet and Copain van de Broy most recently won the Rolex FEI World Cup™ Jumping in Mechelen, December 2011. The 10-year-old stallion is owned by Andreas & Christian Schou.



February 2012 – Gregory Wathelet (BEL) has added a new horse to his line-up. Nine-year-old gelding, Destiny van het Dennehof, owned by Karel Geens, joined Wathelet after winning bronze at the Belgium Championship with Jan Motmans.

NEWS FROM THE FEI - SPORTS FORUM

The FEI will host a Sports Forum from 30 April to 2 May 2012 in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Forum, open to National Federations and FEI stakeholders, will be an opportunity to discuss the future of equestrian sport.

Presentations regarding key issues in a number of areas will be made, including the proposed rule changes to the discipline of Jumping. The Forum will be an open debate in the lead up to the 2012 FEI General Assembly.

Online registration will be possible as of 6 February 2012 (closing on 15 March 2012) via the FEI website: www.fei.org

OWNER IN PROFILE: EMMANUÈLE PERRON-PETTE



I have always been a rider – I am exactly the same age as Patrice Delaveau and Roger-Yves Bost. We all rode together for the French Junior team, so I know them well. I stopped riding because of my studies and professional life, until around seven years ago, when my family took me on holiday to a riding club. I quickly got back into it and soon after I bought a young horse and started everything again. My husband and I decided to set up stables in Normandy with a friend of ours who was also a French instructor, Julie Gadat. The three of us started everything from scratch. This has been totally incredible.

My two children, Dorian (17 years-old) and Chrystal (16 years-old) both currently compete in the Junior classes. They have been riding since they were “babies” and are coached by Julie Gadat and Jean-Maurice Bonneau.

They are studying a lot right now and it is not easy to split their time between horse-riding and studying – but they ride pretty well and are very involved.

Four years ago, we met Patrice Delaveau at a friends’ dinner in Normandy. In those days, he was not in good competing form since his mare was retired. We invited him to our stables to coach Julie Gadat once a week. At that point we had a very talented horse named Baritchou*HDC and we decided to transfer him to Patrice’s stables. And that is how the whole story with Patrice started!

In our stables, we now have 20 really talented horses coached on-site by a great HDC team, overseen by Julie.

Patrice, Julie and I, we all like the same type of horses, so we generally agree when it is time to decide whether to invest or not – even if it is not difficult to agree on a horse like Orient Express or Silvana! I have known Orient Express since he was four-years-old because he was raised by our friends and neighbours, André and Annick Chenu. But the horse I really fell in love with was Ornella Mail, when I saw her winning the seven-year-old competition in St Lô. We were really happy to add her to our team two years ago. Patrice has just acquired a new talented horse in his stables called Lacrimoso*HDC – to prepare for the future...

The most difficult thing about owning horses is making sure they remain in good health throughout their career. These horses are real athletes, they love to jump, and it is our responsibility, as owners and riders, to organise their schedules in order to take care of their health and keep up their fighting spirit – what I call their “jumping desire”.

In Haras des Coudrettes, we generally breed two horses per year and we buy two to four a year. We raise them until the age of four and decide to keep or sell depending on the number of free stables we have! We do not want to own more than 25 horses, so when we buy a new horse we have to force ourselves to sell one, which is difficult given the great quality of horses at our stables right now. But this is the rule!

The most gratifying thing for a horse owner is to have your horse selected for the National team, and to see both your horse and rider competing for their country. My husband and I love

attending the competitions but we also appreciate working daily with a team that has as great a spirit as the HDC team, including not only Julie Gadal, Rémi Morteau and Sarah Kohl but also Patrice Delaveau and Kevin Staut. We have been particularly lucky in starting this adventure and meeting all these people.



We have been members of the Jumping Owners Club (JOC) for a year-and-a-half and it is really great. Christian Baillet has been fantastic in mobilising everyone, and all credit should go to him. It is a fabulous organisation because we, as owners, need to be informed on what goes on at the FEI. We members are all of the opinion that we need to be represented and correctly informed as to what is happening. Before the formation of the JOC, many were excluded. The only information owners would get was from their riders. We are very lucky with Patrice and Kevin because they communicate with us regularly.

My favourite World Cup event is Geneva – as it is for many – it is very large for an indoor competition, the room space is incredible, and the welcoming system is great and well-managed. My preferred global event is Chantilly, whilst Aix-La-Chapelle is, in my opinion, the best FEI Nations Cup venue. If you ask me who my favourite riders are? Patrice Delaveau and Kevin Staut, of course!



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