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We hope you are as excited to read about everything Bruce's Field, as we are to share all of our news from this past year, and what is in store for the remainder of 2021.

Tuesday's in the Park



2021 started out fast and furious, with our ever popular **Tuesdays in the Park** schooling day series. This year we added a hunter ring in order to allow us to serve more of Aiken's equestrians in the winter months. We are particularly grateful to Rancho Pampa and Martin Videla for their sponsorship of the hunter ring. It was extremely well received by our show and fox hunter friends.

Aiken Winter Premier



It was a beautiful week for a horse show at the **Equus Events' Aiken Winter Premier!** Maryann Charles was unstoppable on her Call Me Maybe claiming the top prize in the \$2,000 Welcome Stake presented by Market Street Productions.

Doug Payne stepped away from the jumper ring to pilot he and Jessica Payne's Quiberion, to the blue in the \$2,500 USHJA National Hunter Derby.

Thank you as always to our official photographer, A&S Photography, for the pictures.

2021 RESULTS

Dressage in the Park



Thank you to all of our competitors for choosing to compete at Bruce's Field for our **2021 Dressage in the Park** show. Shout out to our amazing manager Teresa Uddo, all of her officials and especially all the volunteers that gave their valuable time to help make the show a success. We also could not have put on a show like this without an amazing staff that takes care of every detail. Their behind the scenes attention to detail make the difference. The weather could have been a lot better but luckily we were treated to great competition and the best horse show food available! Perks With A Twist helped to keep us all warm and full.

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Aiken Winter Encore



Huge Congrats to the unbeatable Kassar and Erin McGuire for taking home the \$10,000 Aiken Saddlery Jumper Classic as well as the Welcome Stake at the **Equus Events' Aiken Winter Encore!**

2021 RESULTS

Dressage at Bruce's Field



It takes truly a committed village to prepare and execute a great competition and we are so lucky at Bruce's Field to be surrounded by hard working staff, committed volunteers, extraordinary leadership, generous sponsors, and hearty competitors. Thanks to everyone who came out for the **2021 Dressage at Bruce's Field**, despite the cold temperatures!

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Grand-Prix Eventing at Bruce's Field

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California based, Tokyo alternate, Tamie Smith and the 15-year-old German Sport Horse gelding, Mai Baum, made the trip over to the East Coast this winter and claimed the win at the **2021 \$50,000 LiftMaster Grand-Prix Eventing at Bruce's Field**. Tamie & Mai Baum, owned by the Ahearn family & Eric Markell, laid down a 23.3 score in the Dressage ring to take the lead after the first phase of competition on Friday, March 5th, and never looked back. A flawless round over Michel Vaillancourt's Show Jumping track, brought to you by Jack Wetzel & the D&W Group, saw them head into Saturday's competition in the lead. The Cross-Country phase, brought to you by the City of Aiken, was run in reverse order of standing, so Tamie & Mai Baum were the last pair out on course. The optimum time on Capt. Mark Phillips Cross-Country course proved to be a formidable test. They knew they had 6 seconds to spare to stay in the lead. *"'Lexus' was completely wild and crazy at the beginning of the course, but he finally settled in and we managed to make the time!"* said Tamie after her "wild ride".

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\$5,000 Retired Racehorse Project High Point Thoroughbred



The 2020 LiftMaster GPE debuted the \$5,000 Highpoint Thoroughbred Award and the 2021 event continued the tradition, proudly awarding 1st place to Holly Jacks-Smith & the 16-year-old gelding More Inspiration, owned by Holly. Colleen Rutledge & the 11-year-old stallion Confidence Game, owned by Colleen Rutledge and FSG, Inc, took 2nd place.

Executive Director of the Retired Racehorse Project, Jen Roytz said, *"The Retired Racehorse Project is proud to support this year's Highpoint Thoroughbred Award, along with Dr. Kevin Pfister of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute; Dr. Stuart E. Brown of Brownstead Farm, Dr. Andy Clark and Kathleen Sullivan and Dr. Rebecca Newell and William Griffin.*

The Retired Racehorse Project exists to increase demand for Thoroughbreds after racing and works to empower equestrians with the skills and education to be successful with them as sport horses. The RRP is the flagship organization behind the annual Thoroughbred Makeover, the largest and most lucrative Thoroughbred training competition in the world. For more information, visit theRRP.org."

2021 Ride For Charity

A feature of the showcase since the inaugural event in 2019, riders competing in the LiftMaster GPE are sorted into teams and paired with local charitable organizations. The top three finishing teams earn a check for their respective charity. The 2021 teams were structured and placed as follows:

1st Team Orange – **Tri-Development Center of Aiken County**

Captained by: Liz Halliday-Sharp
Nilson Da Silva
Clayton Fredericks
Karl Slezak
Jules Ennis



2nd Team Yellow – **Brothers & Sisters of Aiken County**

Captained by: Doug Payne
Colleen Rutledge
Tamie Smith
Missy Miller

3rd Team Red – **Community Medical Clinic of Aiken County**

Captained by: Allison Springer
Dana Cooke

Sara Kozumplik-Murphy
Sharon White

4th Team Blue – Great Oak Equine Assisted Programs

Captained by: Phillip Dutton
Amanda Beale-Clement
Sydney Elliot
Valerie Vizcarrondo-Pride
Annie Goodwin

5th Team Green – Megiddo Dream Station

Captained by: Emily Hamel
Buck Davidson
Holly Jacks-Smithier
Ashlynn Meuchel
Waylon Roberts

6th Team Purple – Alzheimer's Association – South Carolina Chapter

Captained by: Boyd Martin
Alexandra Baugh
Lillian Heard
Jenny Caras
Mike Pendleton



[Alzheimer's Association of South Carolina](#)

Aiken Charity Horse Show I & II

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Missing the **Aiken Charity Horse Shows** in 2020 really reinforced how special these shows are, and we are so grateful to everyone who came together to make the 2021 horse shows a reality. Spending two lovely weeks in the most beautiful horse country, with some of the most beautiful horses and riders, is what dreams are made of. Our goal has always been to bring Bruce Duchossois's vision of growing the show grounds into South Carolina's premier equestrian facility, maintaining its historic character, and paying forward the generosity of his predecessors, to life. Everyone who has supported us throughout the years have been a big part of helping us achieve this goal! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We look forward to seeing everyone again in 2022.

WEEK 1 RESULTS

WEEK 2 RESULTS

Thank you Mr. D



Saturday night, May 8th, we honored Mr. Richard Duchossois for all of his contributions to the Aiken Horse Park Foundation. The future is bright for the Aiken Horse Park and the Duchossois legacy lives on better than ever. Just before the \$50,000 Premier Grand-Prix sponsored by the City of Aiken, he was presented with the oil rendering of the iconic Bruce's Field statue memorializing the late Bruce Duchossois that has hung in the AHPF Office.

Thank you Mr. D for your dedication to Bruce's Field and the Aiken Horse Park Foundation. You can watch the presentation [HERE](#)

Bruce's Final Gift to the Aiken Steeplechase Association

Saturday, May 15th, prior to the beginning of the \$50,000 Aiken Charity Grand Prix, members of the Aiken Steeplechase Association board, President Paul Saureborn, Vice-President Jim Geddes, and board member Mike Hosang, gathered together along with Aiken Horse Park Foundation board President Jack Wetzel, Vice President & Treasurer Tara Bostwick, and board member and Capital Campaign Chair Bob Hottensen. The AHPF board members had the distinct pleasure of presenting the Aiken Steeplechase Association with a check for \$271,000.



While presenting the check, Tara Bostwick said; *The Duchossois' love of Bruce and admiration for Aiken shines through with this generous gift, and brings full circle, Bruce's desire to support the sport of steeplechasing here in Aiken.*

Upon accepting the check, Aiken Steeplechase Association President, Paul Sauerborn remarked; *This generous donation from the Duchossois Family will go a long way towards helping the ASA realize their vision. He added: This gift is a tribute to Bruce and his character. That's why our community is so great, we share everything. Thank you so much we appreciate it!*

2021 ACHS Charitable Recipients

This year the Aiken Charity Horse Shows pledged to support these two deserving charities. Both **Mental Health America**, and **Equestrian Aid Foundation** stepped up to support the many in need as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mental Health America has been working tirelessly to support the "unseen" victims of the pandemic. Equestrian Aid Foundation provided much needed support to the many in the equine industry also effected by the pandemic through loss of employment. We were honored to raise both awareness, and funds on their behalf.



Mental Health America of Aiken County
The mission of Mental Health America of Aiken County is to serve as an advocate and a community resource by promoting positive mental health in Aiken County.



Equestrian Aiken Foundation
The Equestrian Aid Foundation provides emergency, lifesaving financial grants to horsemen and women coping with loss of income due to catastrophic injury or illness. EAF invests in the future of its recipients, giving them the resources to recover and thrive in the face of adversity.



This spring, our friends at **Aiken Equine Rescue** suffered a catastrophic barn fire. Luckily no animals perished, but the barn was destroyed as were equipment, shavings, hay, and feed. Our fantastic ACHS exhibitors purchased extra feed & bedding to be donated to the Equine Rescue, and Equine Rescue volunteers set up a booth selling t-shirts to raise money. We are happy to have been able to contribute to the Equine Rescue's relief efforts and wish them a speedy recovery and rebuild!

Dressage in the Spring



The **Dressage in the Spring** show wrapped up our 2021 Dressage show series. We would like to thank all our volunteers, sponsors, officials, staff, vendors, and of course exhibitors, for making these shows so successful! Thank you to our fantastic show manager, Teresa Uddo, along with secretary Amber Lee, for always running the ship so smoothly. Thanks to our amazing team of grounds crew, lead by John Maldonado, along with Marcos Castro Beltran and Rigoberto Rodriguez, for keeping the facilities looking immaculate. Our ladies behind the scenes and at the ingates, Tara Stoker Bostwick and Kate Boggan, who wear a million different hats throughout the year. And a special thank you to Kandy Crossland for her willingness to jump in and do such a fantastic job in a completely foreign world (the equestrian world that is). There are so many other people to thank and listing them would take too long, but thank you all! Congratulations to all of our champions and winners throughout the series, but an especially big shout out to Laura Abner and Sherry Pues, our open and amateur series champions respectively.

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Aiken Summer Classic I & II

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The tradition of excellence continues at the **Classic Company's Aiken Summer Classic**. This is

the second year Bruce's Field has had the pleasure of hosting the Classic Company's June series. A fantastic two weeks of horse shows in Aiken is the perfect way to close out the spring season. Congratulations all! Thank you for showing with us at the Aiken Summer Classic!

WEEK 1 RESULTS

WEEK 2 RESULTS



In the spirit of Bruce Duchossois's legacy, the Aiken Horse Park Foundation encourages all of our lessees to champion a cause through raising awareness and funds during their events. The Classic Company generously supported the **USET Foundation** by donating all of the entry fees from the Low Hunters and Training Jumpers from the 2021 Aiken Summer Classic. The USET Foundation is the philanthropic partner of US Equestrian and supports the competition, training, coaching, travel and educational needs of America's elite and developing International High Performance horses and athletes.

The Next Chapter



Just like the pages in your favorite book, the anticipation of what comes next is what prompts you to keep on reading. Each chapter is greeted with excitement and the turning of every page is met with keenness. We are extremely pleased to be able to share with all of you that the Aiken Horse Park Foundation has just begun its Next Chapter at Bruce's Field.

We have long recognized that in order to remain the venue of choice to our many friends in the equestrian industry, we must continue to reinvest in the property. In that spirit we have committed to add

additional permanent stalls so that more of our guests can enjoy a comfortable and memorable horse show experience.

Additional barns also represent a clear path to financial sustainability for the Foundation, thus allowing us to focus on our Mission and perpetuating Bruce's Legacy.

The Next Chapter Capital Campaign was conceived in the Fall of 2019 with hopes to launch in the Spring of 2020. While the Pandemic interrupted our progress, we have now resumed our efforts to engage all stakeholders in the Next Chapter...





Still to Come in 2021:



Aiken Fall Festival I & II
Equus Events
Sep 8th - 12th & 15th - 19th
USEF Premier AA Rated



October at Bruce's Field I & II

AHPE

Oct 20th - 24th & 27th - 31st

USEF National A Rated



SPLIT ROCK
JUMPING TOUR

Aiken International CSI3*

Nov 10th - 14th

FEI CSI3*



December Classic I, II & III

Equis Events

Dec 2nd - 5th, 9th - 12th & 16th - 19th

USEF National A Rated

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encouraging the community's civic, educational,
and charitable endeavors.