



2019

Bruce's Field

A Year in Review

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Bruce's Field 2019

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2020 Schedule of Events

Aiken Winter Classic I (PSJ)

USEF National
January 2nd-5th, 2020

Tuesdays in the Park
Winter Schooling Days

January 7th- March 17th, 2020

Aiken Winter Classic II (PSJ)

USEF National
January 10th-12th, 2020

Aiken Winter Premier (Equus Events)

USEF National
January 17th-19th, 2020

Dressage in the Park

USEF/USDF Level 3
January 25th-26th, 2020

Aiken Winter Encore (Equus Events)

USEF National
January 31st - February 2nd

Dressage at Bruce's Field

USEF/USDF Level 3
February 15th-16th, 2020

LiftMaster Grand-Priz Eventing at Bruce's Field

USEF/USEA Eventing Showcase
February 28th-29th, 2020

Aiken Spring Steeplechase (ASA)

March 21st, 2020

Aiken Charity Horse Show I

USEF Premier
April 29th- May 3rd, 2020

Aiken Charity Horse Show II

USEF Premier
May 6th-10th, 2020

South Carolina Equestrian Special Olympics

State Games
May 16th-17th, 2020

Dressage in the Spring

USEF/USDF Level 3
May 16th-17th, 2020

Aiken Summer Classic I (Classic Company)

USEF Premier
June 10th-14th, 2020

Aiken Summer Classic II (Classic Company)

USEF Premier
June 17th-21st, 2020

Aiken Fall Festival I (Equus Events)

USEF National
September 3rd-6th, 2020

Aiken Fall Festival II (Equus Events)

USEF Premier
September 9th-13th, 2020

Aiken Fall Steeplechase (ASA)

October 24th, 2020

November in the Park

USEF Regional
November 13th-15th, 2020

Aiken December Classic I (Equus Events)

USEF National
December 4th-6th, 2020



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Winter 2019

Tuesdays in the Park

Schooling Days continued to be extremely popular especially among the winter eventing community. From January through March, each week was met with sold out divisions, even with the addition of a second jumper ring in February. The dressage schooling trips became increasingly popular as well, with notable leaders in the Aiken dressage community taking advantage of the schooling atmosphere.



Dressage

A growing number of Dressage riders are taking the opportunity to enjoy Bruce's Field. Dressage at Bruce's Field and Dressage in the Park were a part of the 2019 Aiken Dressage Challenge Series hosted in conjunction with Stable View. Each show featured exhibitors from Intro to Grand-Prix levels. The grace and beauty showcased in the sport was a treat for Bruce's Field and we look forward to the 2020 season in which we have added a third Dressage date in May following the conclusion of ACHS.



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Spring 2019

LiftMaster Grand-Prix Eventing at Bruce's Field

The most exciting addition to our 2019 calendar was undoubtedly the inaugural \$50,000 LiftMaster Grand-Prix Eventing at Bruce's Field. This eventing showcase was the brainchild of US Olympic eventer, Phillip Dutton as a fitting tribute to Bruce's memory.

In every sense, our inaugural year was a smashing success! Top riders from around the world descended on Aiken to compete for their share of a \$50,000 purse. The field of international caliber boasted 11 Olympians, was representative of 6 different countries, and included eventing legends such as William Fox-Pitt (GBR) and of course Phillip Dutton. On cross-country day alone close to 5,000 spectators poured onto Bruce's Field. The showcase format allowed spectators to be right up against the galloping lanes and feel the ground shake beneath their feet as horses and riders thundered past.



In addition the event hosted a craft beer festival during the cross-country phase and guests could stroll from fence to fence, through the vendor village with a tasty drink in hand. To date the livestream footage has been viewed over 13,000 times in different locations around the world. With the overwhelming success of the event's debut, the Aiken Horse Park Foundation is eagerly looking forward to and preparing for the 2020 \$50,000 LiftMaster Grand-Prix at Bruce's Field.

Spring 2019



"Bruce's Field is a facility that embraces the traditions and charm of horse shows from past eras and combines it with the amenities necessary to host the large events in the sport today."

– Rick Fancher, ACHS 2019 Judge

Aiken Charity Horse Show

The pride and joy of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation, the Aiken Charity Horse Show is the major fund-raising event intended to sustain park operations throughout the year. The ACHS continues to epitomize the classic, old fashioned horse show Bruce loved and always dreamed of hosting. These two weeks of shows are the standard for the exhibitor centric hospitality we strive for at every event held at Bruce's Field. The ACHS attracts top riders from across the country with its intimate feel and boutique style atmosphere. After a winter spent in congested winter circuits, exhibitors and horses alike revel in the ample green space of Bruce's Field and delight in the warm welcome where every exhibitor is our number one, VIP guest.



"It's the only show that the judges remember where they have been in the 90's multiple times with their scores throughout the week."

– Jeanne Marie Dunford-Miller, ACHS 2019 Judge

"Coming to Bruce's Field in Aiken was a magical and special week. There is such a wonderful vibe from horseman and exhibitors here. The atmosphere of beauty and tradition with horses and families walking around and throughout the day leaves you looking forward to coming back again and again. I came from California to judge and I'm already working on plans for my daughter and I to show here in the future."

– Hope Glynn, ACHS 2019 Judge

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Summer 2019

Equestrian Special Olympics

The Aiken Horse Park Foundation has had the immense privilege of hosting the South Carolina Equestrian Special Olympics for the past two years. Fondly known as the "Happiest Horse Show", the Equestrian Special Olympics perfectly embodies Bruce's vision of encouraging the Aiken community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors. One only needs to spend a few minutes observing these inspiring athletes to experience the sportsmanship and camaraderie of the event. The two-day long competition included the celebrated opening ceremonies, complete with the parade of athletes, lighting of the torch, and the Star-Spangled Banner performed by one of the athletes. Family and friends along with the local community filled the spectator tent all weekend long.



Aiken Summer Classic

In June we were pleased to welcome Bob Bell's Aiken Summer Classic Horse Shows to Bruce's Field. Their Summer Series, traditionally held at the Georgia International Horse Park, made the move to Aiken for Bruce's Field's famed footing and hospitality. To our welcome surprise, all 600 stalls including 376 temporary stalls initially erected for the Aiken Charity Horse Shows, were completely sold out. The Classic Company had an incredibly successful debut in Aiken and we look forward to hosting them again in the future.



Fall 2019

Equus Events Fall Festival

From the first horse show held at Bruce's Field, Equus Events has been a partner and supporter of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation. Throughout the year Equus presented a series of events over the horse show season (Aiken Winter Premier, Aiken Winter Finale, & December Classic), not to mention a sold-out Aiken Fall Festival. JP Godard and his team execute the quality of events we are proud to host and have attracted some of the top riders in the country.



Young Horse Show

Another first for Aiken, Bruce's Field was the sight of the inaugural Aiken Young Horse Show in October. The Young Horse Show Series is a non-discipline specific opportunity for horses from ages 1 to 5 to compete in over fences, flat, and in-hand classes. The highlight of the competition is the jump chute where horses are at liberty and are driven through a line of three jumping efforts. This allows judges to see a horse's natural jumping ability without the interference from a rider and tack. The organizers remarked that every horse they saw was of excellent quality and Bruce's Field was a tier-above venue that truly gave the youngsters a well-rounded show experience. The Aiken Young Horse Show was the last qualifying event for the Young Horse Show Series Finals, held at the Tryon International Equestrian Center, November 9th and 10th. The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is extremely proud to have brought this new event to Aiken and we look forward to seeing it grow in the future.



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Giving Back

The MISSION of the Aiken Horse Park Foundation is to promote Aiken's equestrian way of life and to encourage the community's civic, educational, and charitable endeavors



One of the hallmarks of all AHPF events is our commitment to our charitable mission. Bruce's initial pledge to increase public awareness of and support for the prevention and elimination of the abuse of children, elderly and abused persons and for the prevention of cruelty to animals has blossomed into a dedication to the larger Aiken community. We are gratified to know that the success of our shows these last few years have translated into over \$110,000 donated to a variety of local and national charities.

2019 Beneficiaries

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Aiken Civic Ballet
Aiken County Pony Club
Aiken Equine Rescue
Aiken Steeplechase Association
Aiken Volunteer Mounted Unit*

*Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare
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