

BRUCE GIVES BACK TO THE AIKEN STEEPLECHASE



L-R: AHPF Board members, Tara Bostwick, Jack Wetzel, Bobby Hottensen & ASA Board members, Paul Saureborn, Jim Geddes, Mike Hosang

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AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA: 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!*

In 2000, Bruce Duchossois bought the beautiful 66 acre track of land, now known as Bruce's Field, to save it from development. In doing so, he helped preserve the sport of steeplechasing in Aiken and provided for a spectacular venue to hold the type of horse shows he cherished. Shows that were exhibitor friendly, had loads of hospitality, and gave back to his beloved community of Aiken.

Sadly, he did not live to see his dream to fruition, but we are confident in knowing he is watching down and smiling, seeing his friends enjoying themselves, and the bright future that lies ahead for Aiken's Equestrian community.



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