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Congratulations to Liz Halliday-Sharp the winner of the Inaugural \$50,000 LiftMaster Grand-Prix Eventing At Bruce's Field. It was such an exciting weekend of sport despite Friday's wet weather. Over 4,000 spectators came out to cheer the competitors Saturday afternoon and they were treated to a spectacular display of competitive spirit. In the end Liz Halliday-Sharp, Doug Payne and William Fox-Pitt took home the lion share of the purse; \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$7,500 respectively.



An event of this nature could not have happened without the vision and leadership of our committee chair **Phillip Dutton**. Nor could we have had the spectacular course without the brilliant creativity of **Captain Mark Phillips**. Mark's conceptualization of the entire showcase from start to finish brought **Grand-Prix Eventing At Bruce's Field** to the international stage and has helped to secure its healthy future for years to come. We are also so indebted to **Eric Bull's** exquisite craftsmanship of the Aiken themed jumps along with his hard working team; **Dylan, Noll, and Jamie. Sheila Fisher** and her team of artists brought the jumps to life and provided all the fine details that made them truly special.

An enormous thank you to **Shelley Page** for donating her services to the event she is an extraordinarily experienced Event manager with such a long list of successful event management I cannot list them all. Her most recent work includes WEG 2018 not to mention all three Showcases in Wellington. **Travis Page** was Shelley's right hand man, he worked tirelessly with a smile throughout the week leading up to the Showcase and all during cleanup too. We could not have held a better run event without the Page's experience, dedication to Bruce's Field and enthusiasm for Eventing.

The Ride For Charity competition included the following charities:

A.C.T.S

AIKEN CIVIC BALLET

AIKEN PONY CLUB

AREA 15 SPECIAL OLYMPICS

AIKEN STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION

AIKEN VOLUNTEER MOUNTED UNIT

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* BRYN MAWR REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

CHILDREN'S PLACE

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CLINIC OF AIKEN COUNTY

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F.O.T.A.S

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MEGIDDO DREAM STATION

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF AIKEN COUNTY

SARATOGA WARHORSE

* SHEPHARD CENTER FOUNDATION

S.P.C.A

TRI-DEVELOPMENT CENTER

All of our charities have Aiken County chapters with the exception of the **Shepherd Center Foundation** and **Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital**. It was the organizers' decision to include these two organizations in our competition in order to continue to highlight the risk for potential injury in all equestrian sports. Both of these organizations have treated and continue to support our injured friends.

Thanks to Liz Halliday-Sharp's brilliant win, **FOTAS** has been awarded a check for **\$2,500**. **Doug Payne's** 2nd place allows us to send a check in the amount of **\$1,500** to **Dogs 4 Good Homes**, and William Fox Pitt's 3rd place provides **Mental Health of America, Aiken Chapter** a check for **\$1,000**.

In celebration of our success and to show our support for Lee Lee Jones' ongoing recovery we will be sending a check to Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital in her name. We are also sending a check to The Shepherd Center in Elizabeth Carey's name in honor of her support of Bruce's Field.

#TEAMLEELEE

Amy Borun volunteered her time and expertise to coordinate the charities and all of our volunteers throughout the three days. She also assisted in the calcutta and the VIP tent. Kate and Tara found Amy's knowledge of event planning and her willingness to jump in wherever needed indispensable. We hope that Amy will agree to be a team leader again next year. I do not think we could do it without her!



Nox Martin surveying the Hitchcock Woods Fox Squirrel

Did you miss Nox's commentary? We will be reaching out to his people soon to see if we can line up a cross country walk for 2020 and or a place at the commentary table with Jenni Autry

Did you happen to make it over to the Craft Beerfest sponsored by **Rafa Distributing**? We certainly enjoyed **Edmund's Oast**, **Sixpoint ResinBengali Crisp**, and **Wolffer Rose Cider**. The good news, you can buy all of these products here in Aiken at the following: Harvard's Wine and Beverage, Grumpy's Sports Pub ,and the Alley Downtown Tap Room,



If you did not have a chance to attend last weekend's awesome competition, you can catch all of the action on **EQTVNETWORK** thank you **Joel Wiessner** and your crew, and **Jenni Autry** for amazing coverage and commentary!

I am sure that we have missed thanking many people, as it took a lot of collaboration and teamwork to get Grand-Prix Eventing At Bruce's Field off the ground. We would be remiss however not to thank several venues that also stepped up to help in our success or should we say Aiken's success! Lara Anderson and her team at Full Gallop Farm (timers, radios, show secretary, and volunteers), Janet and Glenn Wilson of Pine Top (sponsorship and Jump) Barry Olliff and Stable View (aerator), Allison Eastman and Apple Tree South (enthusiasm and campers) JP and Megan Godard and Equus Events Inc. (show jumping timers) and Rick and Cathy Cram of Highfields Event Center (timers).

Lastly we are very fortunate that many people came in and offered to paint show jumping jumps including some of Susie Beale's girls, Caitlin Silliman's customers and some of Phillip Dutton's students We would not have gotten it done without their help.

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And thank you to these generous individuals:

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Please accept our deepest appreciation and thanks for everyone's help and enthusiasm for Grand-Prix Eventing At Bruce's Field. We need to especially thank all of our Sponsors without whom we would not have been able to produce an event of this calibre. We look forward to seeing everyone back at Bruce's Field next March!

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