

## Welcome Back!

### from Global Equestrian Group

n behalf of the Global Equestrian Group, I would like to welcome you back to a new season of the Winter Equestrian Festival. While many of you have



been showing at other amazing horse shows around the world, the team at Wellington International has been hard at work updating and preparing our venue for the 2023 season, which will feature new upgrades that we have completed as part of the second phase of our long-term development plan for the facility.

A majority of the updates that you will see as you are welcomed back on the property are the direct result of feedback that has been provided to us by our exhibitors, guests, and fans. We believe that the feedback from our community

is the best guide as we continue to develop Wellington International. Our team has done a tremendous job, and without them we could not have met so many requests for this 2023 season.

Some of the improvements that you will experience can be seen while others are less visible but just as important. The most exciting improvements include:

- 3 new permanent stables featuring Barnwalkers stabling and Equitan flooring, built by IDA Development and Barnwalkers;
- 4 refurbished permanent stables featuring Barnwalkers stabling and Equitan flooring, built by IDA Development and Barnwalkers;
- A new Wellington
  International website,
  www.wellingtoninternational.com;
- A new Wi-Fi system for faster and more reliable connectivity;
- A new sound system at the International Arena for better spectator experience;
- Updated riding surfaces in Rings 7 & 8, completed by JTWG Footing;
- New all-weather awning coverings in the International Club VIP, International Arena Box

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## Ready, Set...WEF!

n opening press conference christened the 2023 season for both the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) and Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) on Tuesday. Bringing together management and riders, the event ushered in new and exciting seasons for both the Wellington International and Equestrian Village venues.

The panelists included:

- Wellington International President Michael Stone;
- Top professional Hunter and Show Jumping athlete Brianne Goutal-Marteau
- U.S. Olympic Dressage Team Silver Medalist Adrianne Lyle
- Director of Sport for Adequan® Global Dressage Festival Thomas Baur.

Michael Stone began by sharing some noteworthy updates and improvements to Wellington International since Global Equestrian Group (GEG) took ownership of the facility in July 2021. He stressed that the focus was unequivocally horse welfare.

"The big change is that we built three new permanent barns which has been a request from the riders for a long time," he said. "We listened to participant feedback and completely redid rings seven and eight, as well as focused on improving the spectator experience.

"Anyone here can look out over the box seats and see that we've

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Seats, and Tiki Hut terrace for improved viewing experience

- Updated menu offerings in the International Club and Tiki Hut
- The launch of a Sunday
   Brunch Series during the
   CaptiveOne 1.50m Grand Prix
   classes on select Sundays
   throughout the circuit

Improvements would also not be possible without the tremendous support from our sponsors, and we want to take this opportunity to thank them all! This includes both our long-term sponsors, as well as the many new ones we welcome in this season. We will do our utmost to ensure even more exposure in the coming years, both physically and digitally, and we are already

working on many new initiatives for an improved sponsorship experience.

You may also notice new faces in the management team at Wellington International. We are excited to have added many of the best and brightest in their respective fields to our team, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities that their expertise and enthusiasm brings.

I hope we all have a fantastic season here in the renewed setting of the Winter Equestrian Festival with outstanding experiences for everyone!

Sincerely,

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Andreas Helgstrand CEO
Global Equestrian Group



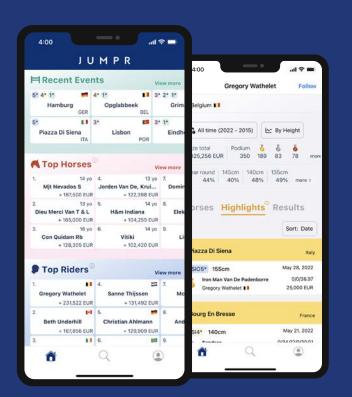




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taken away the peak tents. You may say, 'what difference does that make?' The difference is to the public. We have so many people coming to watch every Saturday night and they have nowhere to stand. If you can't get into the seats, which was happening all the time, you need somewhere to stand and watch and now that we've taken down the peaks, a lot of people can stand up there and watch the jumping."

Goutal-Marteau, who is often on double duty between the hunter and jumper rings explained what her reaction has been to the changes going on at Wellington International and how beneficial these advancements will be for everyone.

"First of all, I think all of the improvements have been major and I think everybody who is

competing here and riding here every day feels those changes and appreciates those changes," she said. "As a rider, and a trainer, and a spectator, it's the only circuit that we have all year, that we joke about being able to unpack at. It used to be a 12-week development series but now we are here almost five months. That's very unique and significant.

"WEF is extremely helpful for us to develop horses," she continued. "You see an onslaught of young horses at the start of season that are veterans by the end, and they go on in their careers. It's a great place for everyone to get better."

Switching gears to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival, Lyle gave insight into how Wellington allows her to balance wearing several different hats over the course of four months.

"Most of the top riders are

not only top riders but also have businesses and students and young horses as well," said Lyle, who currently has her eye on completing her FEI World Cup qualification at AGDF. "What has made this place so unique to me is the ability to come, be five minutes from the showgrounds, show in a world cup qualifier, show against the best of the best, then go home to train my students, train my clients, and have enough shows offered that I can spread out. Not to mention, the atmosphere here on Friday nights is one of the coolest that I have ridden in anywhere in the world."

Baur echoed Lyle and focused on the championship qualification opportunities that will present themselves this season at AGDF. With three CDIWs, two CDI4\*s, a CDI Nations Cup and a CDI5\*, seven Friday Night Stars events will highlight the schedule.

"The Olympic qualification period has started on January 1st for us, which means we have a lot of riders starting their bids," said Baur. "We have the Asian Games later in the year and will see first time riders from Turkey, Singapore and Thailand competing here. For the CDIO, we are expecting several more teams including Spain, Australia, Colombia, and Germany in addition to Canada and U.S."

The press conference concluded with both Stone and Baur sharing strong athlete numbers and encouraging the local Palm Beach County community to come experience both the sports of show jumping and dressage throughout the next three months. Together, the teams at both WEF and AGDF are excited to welcome the highly anticipated 2023 season.

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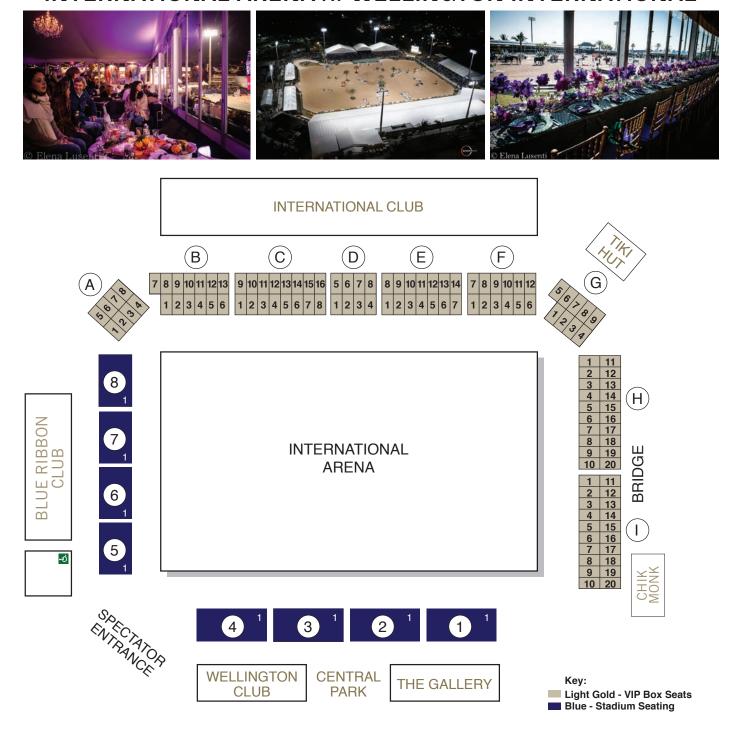


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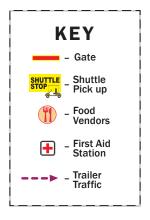
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#### **RINGS 9 & 10**

Arion Horse Sport
Tack (10)
Devoucoux Saddles
& Tack (9)
McGuinn Tack Trunks
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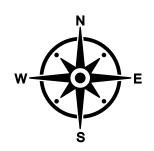
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#### RING 6

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#### RING 11 (Pony Island)

Palm Beach Int'l Academy

#### **PLACES TO EAT**

### INTERNATIONAL ARENA

Chik Monk Tiki Hut

#### **VENDOR VILLAGE**

Harry's Lemonade Loopy's Crepes Oasis Cafe

#### RING 9

Muddy Paws Ice Cream Nathalie's Cafe

#### RING<sub>10</sub>

Magdalena's Mexican

#### BARN 4

**Anonymous Coffee** 

#### **PONY ISLAND**

Florida Snow Silva's Mexican

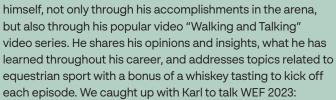
#### **SOUTH BARNS**

Island Kitchen

# RIDER SPOTLIGHT

#### **KARL COOK**

This West Coast resident continues to head east for the winter! Karl Cook is a talented rider who has made quite the name for



### The platform you've built in the equestrian world is one of a kind. How has this impacted your career?

It's helpful for me to analyze my rounds, and I think doing it in this way continues to help teach me how to do it better and be more accurate. My team and I are working on quite a few things right now, and we've made a website. The growth of "Walking and Talking" has allowed me to create a brand, whereas if I attempted to do that before, there wasn't much of a brand identity.

### A Karl Cook special edition question:

#### What is your favorite whiskey at the moment?

One that I've tried recently is Michter's Small Batch Sour Mash Whiskey. I was given it as a gift, and it was a pleasant surprise!

#### You've referred to your mare Kalinka as a force of nature. Can you explain how having that level of respect for a horse makes your relationship with her so special?

I think it's a lot like when you play team sports with other humans. Think of any two teammates that have a great connection; they make each other so much better; they can anticipate how the other is going to react to something, and they work together to achieve a goal. In this sport, sometimes we forget that this is a team sport, and you need to build each other up.

#### What are your plans for WEF 2023?

I'll arrive at the end of January and will be in Wellington for the rest of the season. I'm shooting for the Rolex CSI5\* with Kalinka and the CSI5\* during the ninth week. Besides those two weeks, she won't compete too much. When you have a horse like her, you want to keep showing and continue being successful, but I don't want to get too greedy. I have a good string of horses that I want to focus on this winter circuit and hope to bring some of them up to the five-star level.

#### How did you get into riding?

My mom bought me a pony and it stuck.

# You speak a lot on mental health alongside medical professionals, what is the best piece of advice you can give on mental health from everything you've learned?

I've noticed that people think that how they feel is just how they are, and can't be changed, which isn't the case. As humans we can decide to perform different actions or do things differently. The way you feel is not just who you are; it can be very deliberate. Changing those feelings can be difficult, which is why many don't think they can, but you can.

# Questions to ask your divorce lawyer

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- How many cases have you taken to trial that lasted longer than ten trial days and what are the names of those cases?
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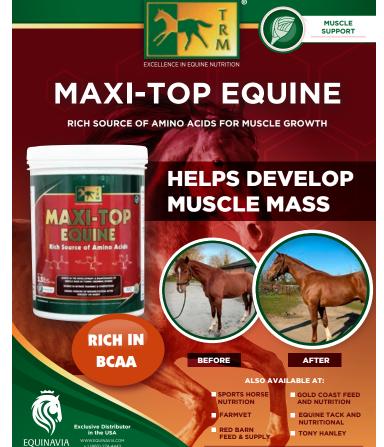
Harper Clark and Empire's Paris, champions of the Crossrail Hunters.



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Kendall Cafferty and Spiderman, champions of the Short Stirrup Hunters (Sec A).





Steven Gregorio and Czarito, champions of the Equestrian Sport Productions 3'3" Open Hunters.

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On January 17th 2023

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Open House of Helgstrand and Beerbaum. We look forward to welcoming you for a spectacular afternoon and evening with dressage and jumping horses, clinics, presentations and unique vendors and partners of the Global Equestrian Group.

#### PROGRAM OF THE DAY

4:00 pm Doors open; option to walk around the property

5:30 pm Welcome by Andreas Helgstrand and Ludger Beerbaum

Show jumping presentation with Ludger Beerbaum Dressage presentation with Andreas Helgstrand,

Lars Petersen, and Dr. Ulf Möller

7:15 pm Light servings, soft drinks and wine

8:30 pm We wish you a great evening

#### Please RSVP via info@helgstrandevent.dk no later than January 12th 2023.

We look forward to welcoming you on January 17th 2023!

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