

## Ride for Riders Report – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Photos courtesy Ken Rye

Coaching this year were **Jo Young, Peter Gray, Diana Burnett, Jessica Phoenix, MH Lessard, Nicole Parkin, Stephanie St Pierre, Edie Tarves** and **Michelle Mueller**. In addition, **Alex Reinfels** held a separate session on July 9<sup>th</sup>! Eventing Canda[!] really appreciates the time and effort donated by these coaches to make this clinic a success.

It's hard to believe after so much rain that 4<sup>th</sup> July dawned a great day for our Ride for Riders event this year. The pump at the water jump ran for about 48 hours to get the water levels down to a reasonable level, but our infamous clinic offered a fun-filled day of learning for riders, horses and spectators alike. Here are a few moments we captured, together with feedback we've received from participating riders and coaches....

### 1 Steph St Pierre took out the first XC group of the day - soon to be dubbed the 911 group!



"All seemed to get something out of it, and enjoy! Even the 911 group" Marcia Darling ->

### 2 Steph St Pierre's XC Session



"We (my daughter Ellen Ferris and I) had a great day! Congratulations and thank you for such a wonderful event.

We did all three phases (dressage with Nicole Parkin, cross-country with MH Lessard and stadium with Edie Tarves). All the clinicians were fabulous and we got lots of great suggestions to work on at home. Very positive and encouraging but also insightful and the personalized approach in small groups was a treat.

The venue was wonderful; everyone was friendly and the weather excellent."

### Nicole Parkin works with Heather Evans on the flat:



All in all, a fabulous - but exhausting - day! We will be back next year.

Thanks to all the organizers",  
Heather Evans

### 3 MH Lessard's coaching dressage



"Thanks for having me, I enjoyed the day and so did my students", MH Lessard

"It was a great experience for me and my young mare. .. the opportunity to school at a facility like that with great clinicians is very much appreciated.

I board at a regular boarding barn with mostly recreational riders, and we do not have a large set of stadium jumps let alone that sort of XC variety. I was thrilled that she was brave enough to jump all these new types of fences with only a refusal at the tires.

Also very happy that I managed to get away without needing to visit the medics!! ...She needs a lot more mileage - the big field and lots of horses trotting / cantering around on a cool windy day, is something she has not experienced before. ... got some great pointers from Michelle Mueller in stadium on how to handle her little temper tantrums.

Thank you to everyone involved with this great event." Andrea Hoppe

#### 4 Michelle Mueller's show-jumping session



"It was a great learning opportunity",  
Alla Ollen-Bittle (Nikita's mom) ->

#### 5 Diana's session started in the show-jumping ring and moved onto XC



And there was a lot more....

#### 6 Jo Young coaching dressage



## 7 Edie's Show-jumping session



In general, a lot of fun was had by all:

"Thank you so much for putting together such a great day! I had so much fun and I learned a lot!" Lauren Cook

"It was a great day and lots of fun", Coach Jessica Phoenix

## 8 Peter Gray's Show-jumping Session



## 9 Larry (Chief Landscaper) & Woody (keeping us safe)



Thanks to Larry for keeping us out of deep water and trimming and harrowing non-stop to get us ready!

Thanks to Woody for watching over us all day!

Thanks of course to Arthur for developing the fabulous training facility at Pommelé Acres

**10 Arthur and Victor play Secretary (sell those T-Shirts!)**



We're thrilled to report that \$1780 was raised to add to our Event Rider's Benevolent fund, and hope you all have a safe Eventing season!

See you all next year!