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### US Eventing Team is training for the Pan Am Games on Attwood Footings installed at Morningside Equestrian Center



The Morningside Equestrian Center in the Plains, VA is one of the most prestigious equestrian centers in this part of the World. Attwood Equestrian Surfaces constructed a Pinnacle Jumping arena in 2011. The arena is used for high

performance jumping, hunter and dressage. This arena is highly sought after for training and is under constant use by many top riders from the USA and Europe.

This year, we received a shot in the arm when he heard that our Pinnacle arenas were going to be used by the US Eventing team to prepare for Pan American Games 2015.

Among the athletes who competed in the Eventing competition included Attwood client, Boyd Martin and Philip Dutton, along with Lauren Kieffer and Marilyn Little. And we were delighted that the team not only competed well, but also won Gold in the Eventing Team Competition! Canada and Brazil won the silver and bronze, respectively. Way to go, Team USA!

Rank	Country	<b>G</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>B</b>	Total
1	 United States	5	1	2	8
2	 Canada	1	2	2	5
3	 Brazil	0	1	2	3

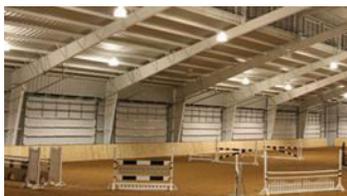
For the complete medals tally, click [here](#). You can visit the Morningside Farms website [here](#).

## Jumping High on Pinnacle

That Pinnacle footing is perfect for high performance jumping is no secret. The footing is used by top equestrian clubs in the USA, and the feedback we receive from them is very encouraging.

As we have started expanding globally, Pinnacle is generating interest among clubs in other parts of the World, too. One common question that we are asked by people outside the USA is “Is it good for jumping”.

We reply that many of our customers are jumpers, some of a very high standard so are jumping 1.4m and above. They tell us that the footing is very supportive, but crucially can give a little to allow the foot to move, or drag a toe across without the ‘stick’ with other footings. They also love the fact that they can prepare the surface as soft or as hard as they like, depending on their preference.



We recently received some videos from Erin Davis, owner of October Hill Farm in Texas, showing some impressive jumping in her Pinnacle arena, so we thought we'd share them.

Head over to our [YouTube channel](#) for a look!

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**Coming up:**

## Eventing with the Stars

*Philip Dutton and Boyd Martin*



Join 2015 Pan American Games gold medalists Phillip Dutton and Boyd Martin on Sunday, August 23 at Windurra Farm for *Eventing with the Stars*, an educational symposium about the sport of eventing.

And if that isn't enough, learn all about the great Attwood footing at Windurra (EuroTex in the Jumping arena, and Pinnacle in the Dressage arena) and why its important to train on the best surfaces.

You can view the event schedule [here](#).

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**Footing Facts**

## Wear life of Equestrian Surfaces: Part 3

In the first two parts of this mini-series we explored the wear life of both watered and coated equestrian surfaces. In this third part we explore what options might be available to you should your surface be tired or worn out.

Often it is harder to see when an uncoated, watered surface is tired or has worn out. Tell-tale signs can be that it is riding too deep, even when watered correctly. Conversely it could be riding too hard. The cause for these two opposing behaviours is different. In the first case, the binding of the surface by fibrous additive is no longer working, either as a result of loss of fiber, or through reduction in the fiber length. Such a situation can be retrieved by adding fresh fiber additive to the surface (and mixing in thoroughly of course). The correct amount and type of fiber additive needs to be used, and this can only be gauged by analysing the current surface.

When a watered surface is riding too hard, this can often be the result of a breakdown in the sand itself, leading to a finer grain distribution which leads to tighter packing of the surface. This can often be the result of using poor quality sand in the first place, which breaks down prematurely. In a previous edition of Footing Facts we explained that equestrian sand needs to have a high silica content, which guarantees it will have superior wear characteristics. Adding fresh, quality sand of the correct grain size distribution can remedy the situation. However you'd be amazed at how many footing installers use the same remediation recipe whatever the state and type of surface their customer has! In severe cases the surface will need to be replaced.

It is far easier to see when a coated surface is getting tired or has worn out. In this case the surface will lack cohesion and the ride will be deep. This is because the 'sticky' coating has partly, or completely worn off, leaving nothing to bind the grains and fiber/additive together.



In cases we encounter like this, the customer will be watering their surface just to maintain some level of cohesion - this for a surface that is sold on its non-watering advantages! Indeed we come across waxed surface customers who are having to do this as little as three years from the installation date. Attwood's coated product, Pinnacle, uses a polymer coating which binds to the sand and additive in a far stronger way than a wax, leading to wear life up to 5 times longer than wax surfaces.

Tired wax coated surfaces can usually be re-waxed, but we seldom come across re-waxed surfaces that return to their original properties. Attwood too can re-coat a tired surface, but we use a superior polymer coating. Indeed in some cases we can re-coat a tired waxed surface, but compatibility has to be ascertained first.

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