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### United States Wins Inaugural at Land Rover Great Meadow International 2016

Attwood crew worked hard to make the best arenas for Great Meadow International and we couldn't be more pleased. It has been a pleasure watching various events taking place at these beautiful arenas.

The Plains, Virginia - July 10, 2016 - The United States Nations Cup team made history capturing the inaugural FEI Nations Cup™ Eventing competition in North America at the Land Rover Great Meadow International (GMI) presented by Adequan®. Leading from start to finish, the team of Phillip Dutton, Lauren Kieffer, Boyd Martin, and Clark Montgomery won with an overall score of 138.3 penalties. The team from Canada moved up to second scoring 177.6 penalties and Great Britain ran into a bit of bad luck to finish third with 254.3 penalties.



The Land Rover Great Meadow International, Presented by Adequan Awards Ceremony  
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"It was a great weekend here at Great Meadow. The community really supported it and really seemed to enjoy all three days. I don't think it could have gone any better," said David O'Connor, Co-Chairman of the Land Rover Great Meadow International. "It's great to have the first Nations Cup outside Europe and we had the perfect site for it."



Clark Montgomery (USA) and Loughan Glen Win Individual Title  
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All four members of the U.S. team put in stellar performances. Clark Montgomery and Loughan Glen were the favorites to win despite being relatively unknown in America as they were based in England for the past two years. The pair did not disappoint the massive crowd at Great Meadow as they led from beginning to end throwing down the best dressage test of the competition scoring 36.3 penalties and then remaining faultless through the show jumping. The pair incurred just 1.2 time penalties going three seconds over the optimum time of 6:36 seconds in the final cross-country phase for a combined score of 37.5 penalties.

Philip Dutton was the pathfinder for the team and the competition going first in all three phases. Riding Fernhill Fugitive, Dutton knocked down a flag at the imposing Beverly Equestrian Brush Corners obstacle, but negotiated the remainder of the Mike Etherington-Smith designed cross-country course without incident adding only 3.2 time penalties to their two-phase score of to finish on 50.4 penalties. Boyd Martin and Welcome Shadow added 1.6 time penalties to their score also finishing with 50.4 penalties. Lauren Kieffer and Meadowbrook's Scarlett contributed to the winning team incurring a mere .4 time faults in cross-country for a final score of 55 penalties.

All four members of the Canadian team jumped clear cross-country only incurring time faults to move them into second place. Selena O'Hanlon and Foxwood High added 2.8 time penalties to their score to finish with 62.4 penalties. Colleen Loach on Qorry Blue D'Argouges incurred 3.6 time penalties for an overall score of 57.1 penalties. Waylon Roberts added 4 time penalties to his two-phase score to end with 70.2 penalties on Kelecyn Cognac and Jessica Phoenix took her time on Bentleys Best tacking on 14 time penalties to her score for 58.1 penalties.

Individually, Americans placed four out of the top five. Marilyn Little and RF Demeter, owned by Jacqueline Mars, Raylyn Farms and Patrick and Eileen Witte, had an outstanding competition moving up from fourth after the first day of competition to finish in second place. The pair went clear in show jumping and put in a stellar performance cross-country to finish on their dressage score of 43.9 penalties. Holly Payne Caravella and Santino were fourth with 50 penalties and Hannah Sue Burnett rode Under Suspicion from 16th place to fifth overall scoring 50.2 penalties.



Marilyn Little (USA) and RF Demeter Were Flawless Cross-Country to Finish Second Individually  
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Two additional awards were presented. Holly Payne Caravella and Santino won the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation "Off the Track Thoroughbred" Award and

Boyd Martin and Welcome Shadow were presented with the Irish Draught Horse Society of North America award to the highest placing horse with Irish Draught blood.

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#### About The Great Meadow Foundation



The Great Meadow Foundation was founded through the vision of news executive and philanthropist Arthur W. (Nick) Arundel in 1982. Arundel purchased an abandoned farm slated to become a housing development with the intent of preserving the property as open space. The concept for Great Meadow grew out of several converging forces of the 1980s, primarily urban growth pressure on farmland near Washington, the opening of I-66 and the simultaneous loss of the former Virginia Gold Cup course in Warrenton to subdivision development. Since its inception, Great Meadow has been the permanent home for the Virginia Gold Cup and Family 4th of July celebrations. Over the years the Foundation has added several more community events, ranging from Twilight Polo to the Virginia State Cross Country Tournaments.

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## Behind The Stall Door With: Blackfoot Mystery



*Martin's home base of Windurra, where Red lives, is a workmanlike collection of shedrow barns.*

When Blackfoot Mystery stepped off the trailer at Boyd Martin's Windurra farm a year ago, Martin was clear that the Rio Olympic Games were the goal for the off-the-track Thoroughbred.

It's said that horses can derail the best-laid plans, but Blackfoot Mystery played his part just right in the intervening year, and he and Martin were named to the U.S. eventing team for the Rio Olympic Games.

After a brief racing career, "Big Red" or "Red" had found his way to Kelly Prather, who developed the chestnut gelding to the three-star level and placed fourth in the 2015 Jersey Fresh CCI\*\*\* (N.J.) with him. Martin's supporters formed the Blackfoot Mystery Syndicate LLC after Jersey Fresh and bought Red for him to ride with the 2016 Olympic Games in mind.

The pair placed sixth in the Fair Hill CCI\*\*\* (Md.) last fall and at the Rolex Kentucky CCI\*\*\*\* this spring to be Martin's next Olympic mount.

Here's what you need to know about this off-the-track Thoroughbred headed to Rio with the U.S. squad:

- Red's never been out of the country—the flight to Rio will be his first time on a plane as far as Martin knows.
- "He's pretty laidback," Martin said. "He's one of the quietest horses here."

According to groom Sergio Reyes, though, Red has two personalities. "At home he is much more energetic, bouncing around, and he sometimes needs a chain shank," Reyes said. "At shows he becomes very easy going and relaxed. He can stay on the trailer by himself chilling and eating his hay."

- If you stand in front of Red he'll give you a bit of a neck massage that ends with a love bite.
- "If you look at him he is an outstanding specimen," Martin said. "He looks like a bronze statue of a race horse."
- Red has a bad habit of biting the cross-ties.
- When he's starting training, he doesn't really mind about standing in ice boots, but when he is fit he hates them and jumps out of them.
- Martin said that the quirkiest thing about him is turning him out. "If you just let him go in the field he will gallop like a mad man, so every day when you let him go you have to give him a cookie treat or he tears off like a racehorse," Martin said.



If he has a cookie when the halter comes off, Red's willing to be calm and cool about walking away and he loves turn-out. "You can give him one for four weeks straight, but if you forget it one day he will tear off again."

- Which brings us to Red's true obsession—cookies. "He is CRAZY for them," Reyes said. Red eats Purina horse treats (in any flavor) and Reyes keeps a handful in his pocket at all times to feed the beast. "As soon as you open the bucket he is trying to get them and reaches every way he can to get them," Reyes said.
- Red isn't a fan of having his mane pulled or his ears trimmed, so Reyes tries to pull his mane a little bit each day to keep it from being a fight.



*Red with Boyd Martin (left) and Sergio Reyes.*

Reyes takes care of Red at Martin's farm in Cochranville, Pa., but Kristen Merala will be traveling to Rio with him. "Red doesn't care about other horses, but his stall neighbor at home, Shamwari, is always pretty attached to whomever is in the stall next to him," Merala said. "So now Red has developed a crush—the two scream for each other."

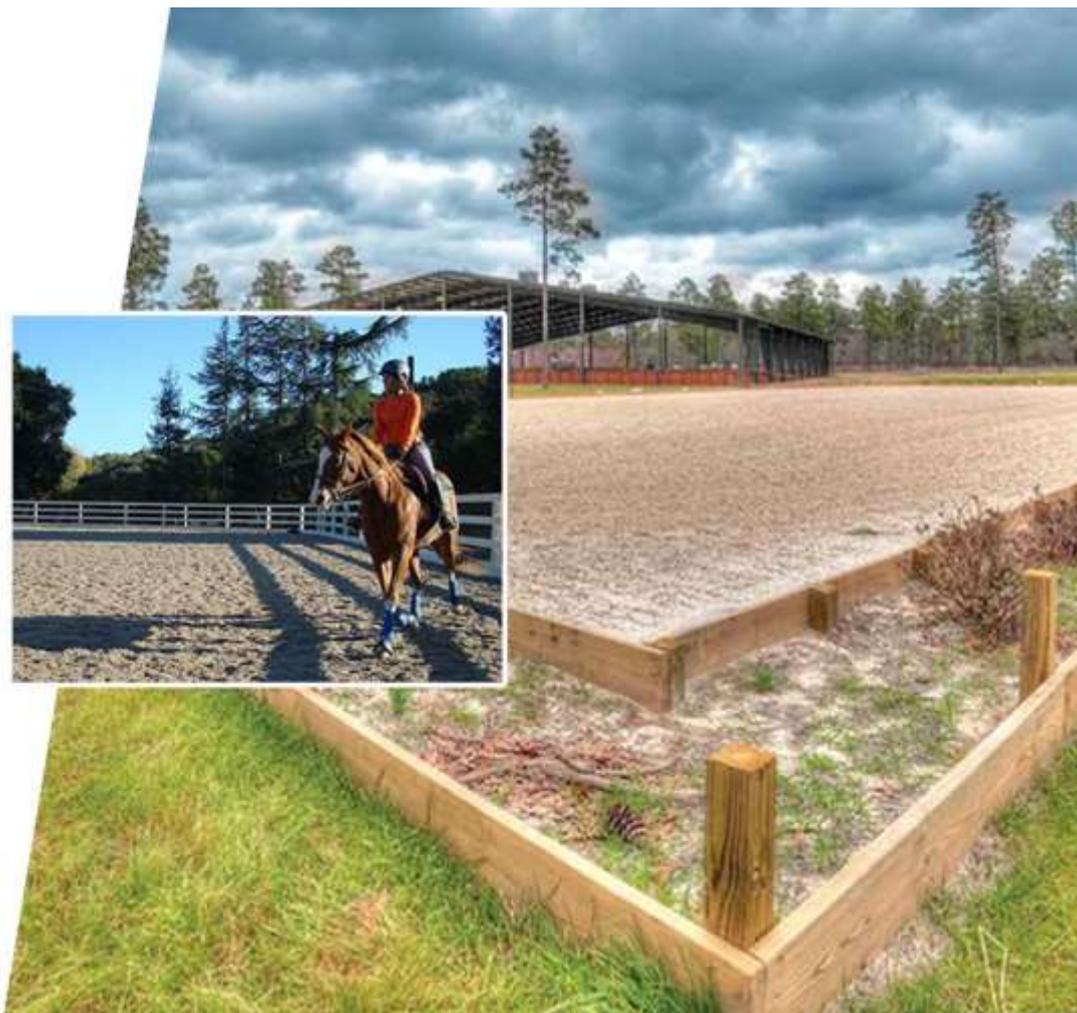
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With over 500 installations across the USA, Europe and Asia, our client list is impressive and includes many internationally recognized competitors and trainers. One of them is The Jockey Club.

In October 2015 The Jockey Club Estates at Newmarket in the U.K. installed Attwood's Pinnacle footing in a round pen, used extensively by leading racehorse trainers. The Jockey Club Estates provide some of the finest Thoroughbred training facilities in the world, from their Lambourn and Newmarket sites, home of the Jockey Club for over 250 years. This is Attwood's first foray into the racing world and the round pen will provide valuable feedback on the performance of the footing. Jockey Club Estates have around ten wax-based synthetic gallops at Newmarket of various distances that

provide trainers with year-round exercise facilities. As these need replacing, the advantages of Attwood's polymer-coated synthetic surface will already have been demonstrated.



Two arenas in The Plains, Virginia

We've installed Attwood equestrian footing in our new arena that is quick draining, freeze resistant and virtually dust free. This surface provides better stability and less stress on our horses's legs and joints, which helps prevent soft tissue damage, lameness, and other injuries. The horses do not get bogged down when jumping, as the recovery of the footing after each step the horse takes is amazing. The new fantastic footing at Spring Down consists of angulated sand that is heat dried, blended with poly microfibers, and coated in a viscoelastic polymer. The new fantastic footing at Spring Down consists of angulated sand that is heat dried, blended with poly microfibers, and coated in a viscoelastic polymer.

The coating on the sand has water repellent properties because of the oil-based polymer. Water and urine will sit on top of the surface and make its way down to the sub-base and will ultimately drain away and/or evaporate. The microfbers, which were coated together with the sand, knit the footing together, increasing the sheer strength. The footing will not become sloppy or loose when wet. We can expect to have two arenas available after a hard rain or storm. In addition, it is dust-free and noiseless as well.

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