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USEF Names 2015 Eventing List

The USEF Eventing High Performance Committee has approved the High Performance Summer/Fall Training Lists for 2015. The selected athletes will participate in Training Sessions with U.S. Eventing Team Coach David O'Connor. Training Session dates and locations will be announced at a later date.

The athletes who made the cut include -

- [Will Coleman](#) (Gordonsville, Va.)*
- [Buck Davidson](#) (Ocala, Fla.)
- [Phillip Dutton](#) (West Grove, Pa.)
- [Will Faudree](#) (Hoffman, N.C.)
- [Sinead Halpin](#) (Oldwick, N.J.)
- [Lauren Kieffer](#) (Ocala, Fla.)
- [Marilyn Little](#) (Frederick, Md.)
- [Boyd Martin](#) (Cochranville, Pa.)

- [Colleen Rutledge](#) (Mt. Airy, Md.)*
- [Kim Severson](#) (Charlottesville, Va.)
- [Lynn Symansky](#) (Middleburg, Va.)

You can follow the entire story [here](#).

Attwood Equestrian Surfaces Footing Tune-up

At Attwood, after sales support remains our top priority. Our work doesn't end with installing your arena, we always go that extra mile to ensure that your arenas function perfectly well over their entire lifetime. And we love it when our customers give us a shout out for our efforts. This is what Boyd Martin had to say about us recently.

"A big thank-you to the best footing company in the business, [Attwood Equestrian Surfaces](#), for coming around and doing their yearly service on the dressage ring yesterday. Silva and I have been riding on the Pinnacle footing for five years now and it's held up superbly. The blokes from Attwood came out and leveled the surface and applied a conditioner to the sand to revitalize its spring.

I've been most impressed with the Attwood Footing company over the years. I'm lucky enough to train in Aiken at [Stable View](#) on their jumping and dressage rings, and here at Windurra, in Pennsylvania, we have a jump ring with the Euro Tech footing and Pinnacle footing in the dressage ring. I'm excited to announce we've finally got permission to start construction of our [gallop track](#)on which we'll definitely use Attwood footing.

Without question Attwood has the best ingredients for footing and on top of that they have wonderful service and support. They're only a phone call away to do any maintenance work, and they really stand behind their product."

- Boyd



You can read the entire blog [here](#).

Boyd Martin has enjoyed international competitive success, representing the United States at the 2010 Alltech Equestrian Games in Lexington, KY, on Neville Bardos, and the 2012 Olympic Games in London, riding Otis Barbotiere. He has also had top finishes at the Pau CCI (France), Boekelo CIC (the Netherlands) and Burghley CCI (England).

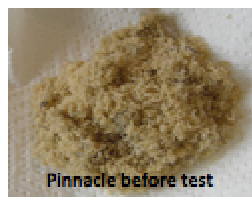
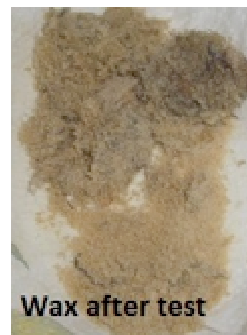
Footing Facts

Wear life of Equestrian Surfaces: Part 2

In the second of this three part series on the wear life of synthetic riding surfaces, we take a look at coated surfaces.

Coated surfaces, those with wax or Attwood's unique polymer coating rely on fibrous additives and a 'sticky' coating to bind all the components together. These types should not be reliant on water to hold them together so should remain intact when they dry out. The mechanism of wear is dominated by loss of the coating from sand and/or fibres. When this happens there is no binding mechanism so the footing becomes looser and looser, riding deeper and deeper. In fact we find many dissatisfied customers of waxed surfaces who have to keep their surface watered because this is the only way to restore some level of binding to the surface.

We have developed tests which simulate the wear process, allowing the evaluation of the wear life of a surface in a short time in the laboratory.



The pictures show a wax surface before and after the test. Note how the sand has separated from the fibres after the test because the wax coating has stripped away from the components.

The last two captions show Attwood's Pinnacle polymer coated surface after the same test - no deterioration is evident.

Some manufacturers supply coated surfaces with a guarantee against faulty materials; usually this is no longer than 5 years. However there are invariably strings attached, and we routinely come across dissatisfied customers who are experiencing difficulties holding the manufacture to account.

Next month we'll look at what can be done to repair a worn out surface, as an alternative to replacing with a new one.

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