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Attwood Equestrian Surfaces - How are we different from our competitors ?



We're not like other equestrian surface suppliers and installers. Our background is in science and technology, and this has enabled us to create and develop carefully balanced products that perform consistently in any climate. We've invested in continuous research and development to provide riding surfaces with the best possible physical properties. We have developed scientific tests that characterise these properties so we can use objective assessment, rather than rely on 'feel' like many of our competitors. We also apply our technical skills to all aspects of the installation of arenas and tracks. Furthermore we collaborate with the world's leading independent equestrian surface academics to ensure we remain at the forefront of both technical and governance developments.

But we're not just scientists. We understand the needs of each discipline, and we ensure our surfaces benefit both the horse and rider. Over 25 years in the business has taught us this. Over 500 installations later including dressage and jumping arenas, training pens and gallops, and an impressive client list that includes many internationally recognised competitors and trainers, we believe we have the best footing solutions available today.

Our entire team is extremely global in nature, comprising people from the USA, Europe and Asia, helping us to understand and adapt to the culture and environment of each region into which we sell our products and services.

Our Gallop for Will Faudree

"There is nothing better than Attwood footing. It's like my horses float on air."



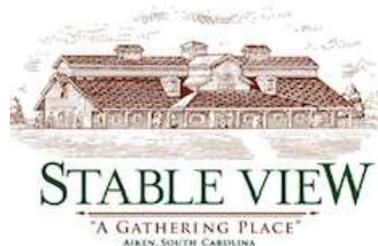
Last month we spoke about our high performance footing for gallops and race tracks. This month, we thought of sharing a small case study of a gallop we installed for one of our customers, Will Faudree.

Will is a young up and coming three day eventer. He recognised that his farm lacks a gallop to give his horses the stamina required for the discipline. This is an amenity that is commonly missing at facilities throughout the U.S.A. Stamina is important for the cross-country section, where the last 3 or 4 fences are particularly demanding.

We spent a lot of time with the customer planning the positioning of the gallop so it has a constant uphill gradient, in order that the horses are worked consistently throughout the distance. There was a further aim to minimise the amount of earth moving, so reducing expense, but also reducing the impact on the environment. The 12 feet wide 1 ¼ mile gallop was installed with a stonedust base, incorporating drainage because heavy rain can be a feature of this area. Pinnacle footing was chosen because it is a forgiving surface, but is also stable underfoot, has low maintenance, requires no watering so is ready to go 24/7. A rail to keep horses on track completes the installation.

Will is happy to allow others to use the track because he is keen to support U.S. three day eventing. Trainers bring horses from 3 hours away because it is such a good facility.

StableView Winter Horse Trials



Come out to Stable View and ride courses designed by the best in the business. Compete on the best footing in Aiken and make a memory for a lifetime. Entries are now open for the Stable View Winter Horse Trials on March 22nd and 23rd. There is limited on site stabling and accommodations available. Please contact the Stable View office at info@stableviewfarm.com to reserve your stall.

About StableView - StableView is a top notch equestrian facility in Aiken, South Caroline. All their arenas have Attwood's high performance Pinnacle and EuroTex footing, and they are used by the USEF. The US High Performance Eventing Team conducts their winter practice sessions at StableView.

For more details, head over to the [StableView website](#).

Boyd Martin making good progress after his surgery



As most of Boyd's fans would know, he broke his collarbone in a fall from a horse last month in the novice division at Full Gallop Farm. Boyd was competing Amanda Thurston's young horse Argon when the horse hesitated at a fence coming downhill and slipped at the same time. Boyd was kind enough to break the horse's fall, with his collarbone acting as a shock absorber and preventing injury to the horse.

[Event Owners Task Force](#) Chair Mark Hart arranged through the [USOC](#) for Boyd to be flown to New York City for surgery at the [Hospital for Special Surgery](#) to repair the collarbone with an esteemed surgeon. Additionally they performed a bone regrowth procedure involving stem cells to dramatically speed up the healing process.

The surgery went off well, and Boyd Martin is well on his road to recovery. Shortly after his surgery, Boyd posted on his [blog](#), "I'm here in New York City, recovering from surgery, and this place is unbelievable, all the sports stars are here. I must start with a big thanks to Mark Hart and the USOC, who really went to the well to make sure that I will be healed up as quickly as possible.

After falling at Full Gallop on Wednesday, as soon as I landed I knew I'd broken my collarbone. After calling Silva my next call was to Mark Hart who's been wonderful over the years helping Silva and I with various horse-related accidents."

On the 27th of Feb, Boyd made a statement, "We're off to a good start in my first event since breaking my collarbone a couple of weeks ago. I've got five horses competing in the Intermediate at the Pine Top Advanced Horse Trials and the shoulder's holding up well - it's surprising how quickly it's healing. Dressage was decent and they all jumped clear today. As long as the shoulder feels alright tomorrow I'll ride them all cross country - I'll see how it goes horse by horse."

Just goes to show Boyd is recovering well and will be back in action very soon. We wish him all the best and hope to see him on an Attwood arena in the near future.

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