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Attwood Equestrian Surfaces Provides Footing for FEI Nations Cup™ 2017

Attwood Equestrian Surfaces is pleased and proud to be the footing supplier for this years FEI Nations Cup™ at the Great Meadow International [#GMI2017](#). We can't wait for the world's best riders ride on Attwood surfaces with their horses.

It's the moment we've all been waiting for! We hope our footing is loved and you all enjoy the show! Attwood keenly looks forward to [#FEINationsCup](#), do you?

The Washington, DC region will host the nation's best horses and riders as they prepare to take on the world at the FEI Nations Cup™ of Eventing, the Great Meadow International (GMI) in The Plains, VA on July 7-9, 2017.

The Meadow Market will be bustling with loads of beautiful shops to enjoy while watching the competition.



The US Equestrian team that will represent the U.S. in the FEI Nations Cup CIC03* at the Great Meadow International presented by Adequan next week, July 7-9 in The Plains, Virginia is as follows -

Congratulations to:

Jennie Brannigan (Reddick, Fla.) with Tim and Nina Gardner's **Cambalda**, a 2002 Irish Sport Horse gelding
Buck Davidson (Unionville, Pa.) with Sherrie Martin and Carl Segal's **Copper Beach**, a 2006 Irish Sport Horse gelding
Phillip Dutton (West Grove, Pa.) with Kristine and John Norton's **I'm Sew Ready**, a 2004 Dutch Warmblood gelding
Doug Payne (Aiken, S.C.) with Debi Crowley and Doug and Jessica Payne's **Vandiver**, a 2004 Trakehner gelding
Today is **Jennie Brannigan's 30th birthday**, so please join us in sending her happy birthday wishes! Being named to a Nations Cup team on your birthday is definitely not a bad way to celebrate. Remember that Jennie and Cambalda are already winners at Great Meadow. They took the inaugural CIC3* victory in 2015.

US Equestrian also named two alternates for the Nations Cup team:

Boyd Martin (Cochranville, Pa.) with Gretchen and George Wintersteen, Pierre Colin, and Denise Lahey's **Steady Eddie**, a 2003 Australian Thoroughbred gelding
Lynn Symansky (Middleburg, Va.) with The Donner Syndicate, LLC's **Donner**, a 2003 Thoroughbred gelding

You can watch Great Meadow live on [USEF Network](#). Stay tuned for much more from Great Meadow! Go Eventing.



Check out the full article [here](#).

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Attwood Chosen to Build State of the Art Arena for Baltimore County

Middleburg, VA – Attwood Equestrian Surfaces is pleased to announce that they have been awarded the contract for Baltimore County Therapeutic Riding Center's \$3 million indoor equestrian arena at its agricultural center in Cockeysville, MD, where horse enthusiasts would be able to ride, take classes and participate in therapeutic programs.

“This is a project near and dear to our hearts as we do a lot of arenas for therapeutic programs, “ said Nick Attwood, President of Attwood Equestrian Surfaces. “We have a reputation for creating custom surfaces for the very best equestrian athletes. But we believe that these therapy horses are athletes too. The work they do is phenomenal. And let's not forget the volunteers who walk beside these horses. They can easily walk up to ten, twelve miles a day... they absolutely need a great surface!”



“Baltimore County Therapeutic Riding Center chose AES’s Pinnacle for the job because it is dust-free and requires no watering,” said Chris McCollum, executive director of the Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture and Farm Park. “It’s perfect for our clients. We work with so many people with enormous challenges. The Pinnacle provides a more forgiving landing surface should there be a fall. And at the end of the day, it was AES’s reputation for quality and service that decided the contract. They honestly care as much as we do about doing what’s best here.”

The county and the state will fund the arena, which could open as early as this summer. “We’d like to see it help serve what we think is an underserved market, which is the recreational horse rider. A lot of people feel there’s not enough trails and facilities for the public,” McCollum also stated.

The 150-acre agricultural center is located on a former farm in the rural northern part of the county. It has five miles of trails for horseback riding, but most of its existing facilities and programs are aimed at educating children and adults about farming and agriculture.

Since 1992, Attwood Equestrian Surfaces has been at the forefront of footing development. AES is the original manufacturer of dust-free footing (polymer coated sand) in the USA. “We formulate in the laboratory surfaces for all types of equestrian disciplines who train in a wide range of climates. It’s this experience and our continuous innovation that keeps us at the forefront of equestrian footing development,” said Attwood. “You could call us the footing nerds of the industry.”

For further information about Attwood Equestrian Surfaces, their products and services, please contact Andrew Camp at 888-461-7788.

To watch grooming of Pinnacle at the Baltimore County Therapeutic Riding Center’s state of the art indoor equestrian arena, at its agricultural center in Cockeysville, MD, head to our Youtube channel [here](#).

Attwood Equestrian Surfaces Legacy and Happy Clients!

The Jockey Club

In 2015, Attwood became a part of the hallowed training grounds of The Jockey Club in Newmarket, with the installation of Pinnacle into their training facility. This photo, by [Sarah Farnsworth](#), truly captures the equestrian athlete, the horse in sport. Thank you, Sarah, for allowing us to share it.



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.

Stable View

We love it when our premier clients get five-star reviews. Stable View, one of our beloved clients got a five-star review recently. Congratulations Stable View!


Lisa L. Crowther reviewed Stable View — 5★
 June 15 at 11:31am · 🌐

Beautiful facility!!! The barn where I kept my horse was big and roomy with good ventilation!!! The footing in the covered arena and the Dressage arenas was amazing!!! It was a wonderful experience and we'll definitely be back for another Dressage show in August!!!



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Footing Facts July 2017

Polymer-coated, dust-free footing

This month we thought we'd dedicate an edition of Footing Facts to our unique polymer-coated surface products, Pinnacle, Ameritrack and TerraNova. What prompts this is that we continue to hear from people in the equestrian world who misunderstand what these footings are about, often confusing them with wax-coated footings. This is a problem for us because wax footings have gained a poor reputation over the years, with some high profile disasters particularly in racing.

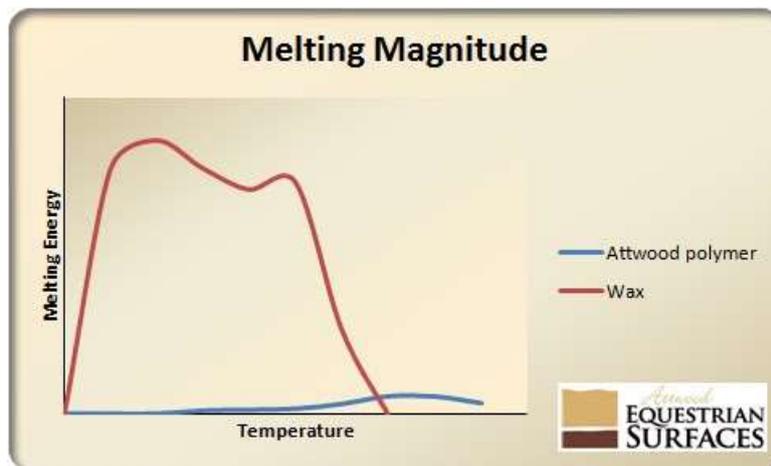


Let's start with wax surfaces. The idea here (and in theory it is a good idea) is to coat sand and textiles or other additives with an adhesive substance that binds all the components together. The binding should be high enough to hold the structure together so that the surface is supportive and provides grip, but not so tightly bound that the surface is hard, so not supportive, and potentially slippery, and difficult to harrow back to a level surface. However the chosen coating, a petroleum wax, just does not have the technical properties to provide the necessary binding power. Firstly an equestrian wax has very little mechanical strength, so generally does not bind the particles tightly enough. To counteract this footing suppliers will blend long pieces of textile into the structure to try to hold it together. A second consequence of not being particularly robust is that the wax very easily rubs off the sand and textiles, essentially leaving an uncoated footing. When this happens we find customers having to water the surface in order to hold it together, a job the wax coating should be doing!



Another serious drawback of wax is that it melts, and depending on the formulation can happen during a warm day. The effect is dramatic as the wax changes from a soft solid (rather like Vaseline) to a liquid. This in turn significantly changes the feeling and 'going' of the surface. Now to Attwood's polymer-coated surfaces. The principle is the same - an adhesive coating to bind the sand and textiles together. But in our case, the polymers used are very strong and stretchy, so hold everything together really well. In addition, because of this robustness the coating does not rub off the sand easily, so no need for watering, even after many years of use.

The serious problem of melting does not occur with our polymer coatings. The polymers we use do not melt in the traditional sense like wax. The graph shows a Differential Scanning Calorimetry trace of commercial wax and Attwood's Pinnacle polymer binder.



This technique measures the amount of change taking place during heating, with a huge change when the wax melts compared to the small change when Pinnacle binder is heated. This means that Attwood’s polymer-coated surfaces change very little when the temperature changes.

But you may be wondering, if wax does not have the necessary properties, why is it used at all? Well the answer to that is that it is cheap. This is because it is a by-product of oil refining, being part of the thick bituminous component that is left after all the useful petroleum fuel products are removed. Contrast this to properly engineered polymer binders used by Attwood that are synthesised specifically for their properties.

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Attwood Equestrian Surfaces provides meticulously engineered surfaces that benefit both the horse and the rider

