

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



By the time you receive this issue of the Breeders Digest, the 2007 Pan Am Games will be history. At the time of writing, Canada took all 3 silver medals with Sandra a 6th individually. At this level of competition it is all about horse power. To quote Professor Jan Philipsson from Sweden, "...there has been no long-term successful nation world-wide in the equine sport without having a base in a domestic breeding program producing horses for its own market."

That is what we are all about - creating a strong domestic breeding base from which the elite athletes will rise. In the past we have seen Canadian bred, Aftershock (El Futuro x Apalatin), under Ian Millar and Lucas (Lucino Z x Zantos), under Tamie Philips, competing at the international level. Now we can see Buenos Aires (Bajazzo x Arkansas) under breeder Sandra Donnelly competing for Canada on the three day event team. It is very interesting to note that the riders of these three horses were all very involved in their breeding as well. Canadian Warmblood horses are developing an international reputation that gets better each year.

I know everyone is busy with the end of breeding and show season in full swing. It is nice to know our efforts are coming to fruition. Canadian bred Warmbloods are firmly entrenched in the domestic show scene. Our Canadian Performance Futurity, now in its second show season is a fantastic way to showcase our young horses. Graduates from this program will provide the elite horses for future Canadian teams.

I hope everyone will have a successful breeding season and I look forward to reading about your show results in the up coming issues of the Breeder's Digest.

Chris Gould



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Correction:

Apologies to Curtis Barbour, who was on the cover of the July issue, for the incorrect name. Curtis was one of our Test Riders at the 2006 SPT in Ontario.



Sandra Donnelly and BUENOS AIRES (Bajazzo x Amphora/Arkansas) at the 2007 Pan Am Games, Brazil

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