



The Canadian Sport Horse Association

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Canadian Sport Horse Named Alpha Omega Event Canada Horse of the Month

Richmond, Ontario – November 18, 2009 – Up and coming event star, Blithe Hill Riddle Master has been named the Alpha Omega Event Canada Horse of the Month for October 2009. Riddle Master, the eight-year-old Canadian Sport Horse gelding, owned by Caroline Bazley was the top placed Canadian horse in the CCI 3* Dansko Fair Hill International Three Day Event held October 15–18, 2009, in Elkon, MD, USA.

Riddle Master is a 2001 gelding by Rodero and out of the F1 CSH mare, Legacy III, by Eyes to Rule out of Azucar (by Pancho '51). The bay was bred by long standing members of the Canadian Sport Horse Association (CSHA), Caroline Bazley and mother, Jean Watson, Orangeville, ON. Caroline commented that Riddle Master is the second home bred Canadian Sport Horse that they have had long listed for the Eventing Team. “The first was Lord Ramsay, essentially an Uncle to Riddle Master, who was ridden by Joni-Lynn Peters, Rebecca Howard's coach when she was in her teens out in British Columbia. Both horses share the TB blood of Pancho and Eyes to Rule, two stallions owned by the late Mrs. Holbrook and her daughter Jane Holbrook. Riddle Master's sire is the Hanoverian stallion Rodero, by the Ramiro son, Rabino. It is from this line that Caroline attributes their gelding's bold jump. According to David Burke, of Pangaea Farms where Rodero stood upon being imported into Canada, the stallion produced a number of exceptionally good individuals with very correct jumping technique coupled with lovely movement. “It is really unfortunate,” says David, “that we only have 2 youngsters left on the farm as Rodero produced some extremely good horses.”

Riddle Master, aka ‘*Rupert*’ has been ridden by Rebecca Howard of Salmon Arm, BC, as of March 2007. “He was a 6 year old with a few a pre-training (runs) under his belt,” she says. “We then did a CCI* in the Spring of 2008 and he did his first CCI** (at the Florida Horse Park) in the Fall of 2008 where he was 11th. He then did Jersey Fresh CCI** in May 2009 (finishing 9th) and this summer upgraded to advanced and finished the season at Fair Hill CCI*** this past October. *Rupert* could not have been better at Fair

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Hill. We have been working really hard on his dressage, and he put in a really good effort in the dressage ring there. During the Fair Hill cross-country he was fabulous – ran great in the muddy conditions and came out the next day to produce a clean show jumping round finishing 9th, the top Canadian spot!” After some time off out at pasture, Riddle Master will be back in work by early December. “We will continue working on improving our Dressage for next year!” claims Rebecca, “I plan to run another CCI3* on him (perhaps Bromont in June 2010). I plan for a strong finish there and hope he will be looked at for the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, USA.

Canadian Sport Horse Breeders have a long and successful history of producing World Class event horses for Canadian and US international teams and the Watson/Bazley breeding program is no exception. “We believe that if you can succeed in breeding a horse with good temperament that not only moves well for dressage, has the heart and courage for cross country and the jump for stadium then you are producing an all round, remarkable athlete. One of the things that makes my mother, Jean Watson, who is 81, very proud is the fact that our family—my mother, my sister Elizabeth Stewart, and I—bred a three star event horse who might be on the path to the Olympics,” said Bazley. “We are very pleased to have our Canadian horse ridden by a great Canadian rider, Rebecca Howard, doing so well at the international level.”

About the Canadian Sport Horse Association: The Canadian Sport Horse Association was established in 1926 and is incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act, abiding by the Act as the official registry of sport horses in Canada. The CSHA and its membership are a major part of the equine and agriculture communities in Canada - our goal is to ensure a viable future for our members by providing assistance and developing programs to ensure that future domestically and internationally. Our mandate is to promote the awareness and purchase of Canadian Sport Horses, keep records, organize inspections and gradings, disseminate information, compile statistics and assist breeders of sport horses with trustworthy registration in keeping with respected International standards.

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