

BREEDING SEMINAR

Friday, 5th March 2010

SPEAKER PROFILES

Richard Meade OBE

Triple Olympic Eventing Gold Medallist and Chairman of the British Horse Foundation, which was founded in 1991 to promote education in the breeding of horses and ponies and help prevent unnecessary suffering. Born in Chepstow, Richard's parents ran a Connemara stud and, at the age of 15, he became Pony Club Boys National Champion. After National Service, he went to Cambridge University where he was able to devote time to the sport of eventing. Richard competed internationally for 25 years, representing Great Britain at four Olympic Games, five World Championships and six European Championships. He was voted Sportswriter's Sportman of the Year in 1972 and awarded the OBE for services to riding in 1974. Since retiring from competitive riding, he has been an international judge and course designer and, from 1989 to 1992, was President of the British Equestrian Federation (BEF). Richard is a Yeoman of the Worshipful Company of Saddlers and is also known for his work as a champion of country values.

Lynne Crowden

Internationally known British Warmblood breeder/producer of dressage horses, Lynne owns and manages Woodlander Stud with her husband David. Her interest in breeding started with Thoroughbreds, including *Pink Gin* who won £56,000 and ran in the Grand National. At Woodlander, the horses are produced from foals to ridden, and Lynne believes in the importance of not only using top dam lines, but also having access to the best training and riding, and they have bred and produced their own licensed stallions and regularly breed with some 12 to 14 mares. Lynne is Chair of the Lead Body for Performance Sports Horse & Pony Breeding and also works with the Warmblood Breeders' Studbook UK and the BHHS. She has recently been appointed Non-Executive Director of the National Equine Database.

Carole Mortimer

Equestrian journalist for 15 years, writing for leading publications, including *Horse & Hound* and *Horse International*. Carole is also a press secretary at international events such as Badminton, Burghley and Olympia. She has recently graduated from the Royal Agricultural College with a Masters Degree (distinction) in Equine Science. She is also a small-time breeder and owner of international Advanced eventer *Jagganath* ridden by Mike Jackson.

Martin Boyle MRCVS

Whilst working at the Equine Fertility Unit in Newmarket during the 1980s, Martin pioneered the use of artificial insemination for horse breeders in the UK. In 1992, he set up a commercial service to help British breeders who wished to develop the use of AI with chilled and frozen stallion semen. In 1996, in conjunction with Tim and Jane Holderness-Roddam and Tessa Clarke, he helped to establish the West Kington Stud Stallion Centre.

Chris Shepherd MRCVS

Founder member and Senior Partner of Willesley Equine Clinic, which merged in 2009 with the Bushy Equine Clinic to form the B&W Equine Group Ltd, where Chris runs the Stud and Reproduction Department. He has been involved with the development of AI in the UK over the last 20 years, with both practical and regulatory input, and is an equine frozen semen specialist. Chris runs the Willesley Equine Clinic AI Centre, provides veterinary care for several Sports Horse and Thoroughbred studs and is resident vet for the West Kington Stud Stallion Centre.

Katherine Hemson BVSc MRCVS

Willesley Equine Clinic Stud Assistant. Katherine trained at Bristol University and has spent the last seven years specialising in equine reproduction, including two stud seasons in New Zealand and three years in Newmarket working in the Thoroughbred industry. She has been based at Willesley for the last three years and is currently responsible for mare fertility and foal health at West Kington Stud. Katherine is especially interested in mare reproduction, neonatology and foal care.

Emma Tomlinson MA VetMB MRCVS

Founder and Director of Beaufort Embryo Transfer Centre. Emma studied at Magdalene College, University of Cambridge. The majority of Emma's veterinary career has been spent in equine practice, specialising in top class racehorses and sport horses. She also spends some time each winter working in Argentina, which is where she met Fernando Riera, who is recognised as the top embryo transfer vet in the world. In association with Fernando, Emma pioneered the first commercial embryo transfer breeding programme of its kind in the UK. As well as running the Embryo Transfer Centre, Emma does most of the veterinary work at the Beaufort Polo Club. She is one of England's top lady polo players, having represented England, is a qualified polo coach and has also evented to Intermediate level and ridden as an amateur jockey in Point-to-Points and National Hunt.

Tessa Clarke MBA NPS.Dip

In 1983, Tessa was at Catherston Stud, which was one of the first studs in Britain to develop the use of artificial insemination on a commercial basis. Since 1995, she has managed West Kington Stud and Stallion Centre, where she is responsible for stallion management, semen collections, processing and export, as well as all aspects of the management and day-to-day care of visiting and Stud mares and youngstock. She holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Exeter University.

Susan Carden

Equine semen collection specialist and AI Technician. Sue is one of the most experienced collectors of stallion semen in the UK. She has been collecting semen for the West Kington Stud and Stallion Centre for the past 18 years and also travels extensively, both in the UK and overseas, to provide a collection service and on-stud advice to stallion owners. Sue is also a professional hot air balloon pilot.

Louise Jones BSc MSc R.Nutr

Dodson & Horrell Nutritionist. Louise is one of only a handful of registered Equine Nutritionists in the UK and holds both a BSc(Hons) and MSc in Equine Science. She has been working as a Nutritionist for Dodson & Horrell for over six years, providing nutritional advice for many of the UK's leading breeders. Her work also involves liaising with vets and carrying out scientific research projects directly related to the breeding industry.