

Q. Will you be doing the Tevis again some day?

A. I plan to attempt the Tevis again in 2009. The people I went with, Dr Carl Kimbler, his wife Kelly, and their daughters, Kelsey and Kirsten, from Aberdeen, South Dakota, want to go again in 2009 because they have another daughter who will then be old enough to do the Tevis. So I would go again with them. I sponsored the juniors and really loved getting them through the ride. One of long term goals is to do a three generation Tevis with my daughter and grand-daughter.

Q. What is the next major event you are planning?

A. I am of course looking forward to the World Championships in 2010 but for this year I am looking at the Great Santa Fe Horse Race. I think it's 15 days from Santa Fe to St Louis, MO.

Q. What advice would you give someone who's never done the Tevis?

A. Do lots of hill work. Make sure you have a sane horse, there really is lots of dangerous areas on that trail. Really good foot protection is important. I used Bosana Boots all the way around during the whole ride.

Q. What would you like people to know?

A. I hope that the TV coverage will attract more competitors to this wonderful sport. I think the sport's participants are getting older and we are not attracting enough young people. I am really enjoying sponsoring juniors and I hope the show illustrated that juniors are really capable and that sponsoring is very rewarding.

My horse, Night Skye, is a really awesome horse and a real trooper. I was so proud of her "victory lap" around the stadium at the end.

I always have a group of endurance horses going with young horses coming up. So, I do make part of my income from selling ready to go, as well as prospects, for the sport. I also have started making coaching at my ranch during the summer a part of my life. I always have extra horses for people to ride and I live in the most beautiful area to ride and train. I would welcome anyone to come and train with me.

-Kathy Irvine



North American FEI Rides 2007	
February 3	Twenty Mule Team CEI*** -Ridgecrest, California
March 11	FITS CEI***- Morrison, Florida
April 14	Git-R-Done 11 CEI***- Inyokern, California
May 5 - 6	Biltmore Challenge CEI**-Asheville, North Carolina
June 10	Ft. Howes CEI***- Ashland, Montana
July 19	Ontario Provincial Championship CEI***- Meaford, ON
August 25	Arabian Nights Challenge of Champions CEI***- Oreana, Idaho
September 22	USEF National Zones Team Challenge CEI***- Ashland, Montana

Study On Endurance Horses In Competition

The FEI announced, with the cooperation of the Dubai Equestrian Club, the scientific study on Endurance horses in competition.

A number of horses, who competed at an FEI event held in Dubai on 24 February, were studied by a group of Scientists, headed by Dr David Marlin (GBR) and assisted by a panel of Vets headed by Dr Bobby Surendra Babu BL (IND).

Information was obtained both before, during and after the event to enable the FEI to investigate the effects of top level endurance races on competition horses.

Dr David Marlin comments: "We are very grateful for this wonderful opportunity provided to us by the Dubai Equestrian Club which will allow us to study elite endurance horses under truly competitive desert ride conditions. We have recently studied elite horses competing in the UK and this work will allow us to build up a clearer picture of the elite horse, especially in relation to warmer conditions. A small International team of respected scientists and veterinary surgeons (Dr Pat Harris, UK; Dr Hal Schott, USA; Dr Rod Fisher, UK; Dr Ray Geor, USA) have joined me in Dubai to carry out the work. We examined weight loss, water consumption, heart function and looked at changes in the blood during and following the ride. This information will form part of the overall review of endurance being undertaken by the FEI and help ensure we protect the health and welfare of the horses in this fast developing and highly competitive sport".

The FEI is grateful to the Dubai Equestrian Club for the valued assistance in the project.

FEI World Endurance Forum Update

The FEI confirms the final details of the FEI World Endurance Forum to be held in Paris on 31 March and 1 April 2007.

FEI Endurance National Federations will be invited to send a delegation of up to three representatives to take part in the Forum which is organized at the start of a full review of the discipline of Endurance.

The Forum is part of a process, supported by the FEI President, H.R.H. Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, to plan the development of the sport over the next five years following its dramatic growth in recent times.

The Forum will have three main phases:

- 31 AM - An initial presentation by

each of the nine FEI Regional Groups on their own visions of the future

- 31 PM - A working session for Delegates from the National Federations separated into Judges, Technical Delegates and Veterinarians

- 1 AM - A final session for all delegates who will receive presentations from each of the above three groups on matters raised during their individual sessions

The FEI Regional Groups will also be requested to submit names as candidates for an FEI working group to be established post forum that will, in consultation with National Federations, produce a 5 year plan for Endurance



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