



2016 OWNER OF THE YEAR: ARTISAN FARMS



The Equestrian Canada Owner of the Year Award was created to recognize the dedication, commitment and support owners provide in order to ensure Canadian athletes have access to world-class horses. This award is presented to an owner, individual or group who has progressed equestrian sport by investing, breeding or supporting a horse competing at a national or international level.

Artisan Farms, owned by Andy and Carlene Ziegler, has been named the 2016 recipient of the EC Owner of the Year Award. For nearly a decade, the Ziegler family has been an integral part of the Canadian Equestrian Team, providing world-class horses through Artisan Farms.

In 2016 alone, the Ziegler family had a profound impact on the Canadian Equestrian Team. A total of eight horses declared for the Canadian Show Jumping Team for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games were owned by Artisan Farms – five declared under Eric Lamaze and three with Tiffany Foster.

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Ultimately, it was Fine Lady 5 (Forsyth x Drosselklang II), a 2003 Hanoverian mare, and Tripple X III (Namelus R x Cantango), a 2002 Anglo European stallion, who travelled to Rio with Lamaze and Foster, respectively.

Incredibly, Fine Lady 5 proved to be the only horse of the Games to put in five consecutive clear rounds, and carried Lamaze all the way to the podium for an individual bronze medal. Prior to the individual final, Fine Lady 5 and Lamaze also led the Canadian Show Jumping Team to an impressive fourth place finish after going head-to-head with Germany in a jump-off for the team bronze medal.

With the help of such a reliable mount during the Games, Lamaze was able to claim the record for the most Olympic medals won by a Canadian in equestrian sport. Plus, following his success in Rio, he moved up the FEI Longines World Jumping Rankings to take over fifth place in September. As a result, Lamaze and Fine Lady 5 secured an invitation to the prestigious €300,000 Rolex Top 10 Final in Geneva, SUI, which saw the top 10 riders in the world rankings go head-to-head in an epic showdown. After leading the pack from start to finish, Lamaze and Fine Lady 5 brought the title home to Canada for the first time in the history of the event.

Foster and Tripple X III, who was also her mount for the 2015 Pan American Games, when Canada took Team Gold, were once again indispensable to the team in Rio. They put in a clear round when Canada needed it most in the team final, helping to secure the jump-off with Germany for bronze. Foster and Tripple X III also put a clear on the board for Canada in the jump-off.

Outside of the Games, Artisan Farms' horses represented Canada in nations' cup competitions throughout the year. Highlights included Foster and Victor (Elmshorn x Grandeur), a 2002 Dutch Warmblood gelding, producing a double-clear effort to help Canada take third in the \$300,000 BMO Nations' Cup at the CSIO 5* Spruce Meadows 'Masters' Tournament in Calgary, AB in September. The duo also laid down back-to-back clear rounds in the Furusiyya FEI Nations' Cup at the CSIO 4* BC Open in Langley, BC in June, where Canada took second place.

EC is grateful for the incredible level of support Andy and Carlene Ziegler have generously provided to Canadian Show Jumping Team athletes year after year, and is pleased to recognize Artisan Farms as the deserving recipient of the 2016 EC Owner of the Year Award.