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WEC Magazine Winter 2020: Dedicated to Kevin Babington

We are delighted to dedicate this first issue of 2020 to Kevin Babington, a beloved Irish horseman who is fighting to recover from a devastating riding accident. Jeff Papows, Chairman of the Silver Oak Jumper Tournament, and a dear friend of Kevin wrote our cover story, 'Kevin Babington a Profile in Courage and Inspiration.' It's a touching tribute to a man whose plight has rallied the entire equestrian community in support of his ongoing recovery.

[Click here to read the January 2020 issue.](#)



Our Stable Spotlight shines on Cormac and Catherine Kennedy, owners of Mor Linn Farm in Walpole, Massachusetts. It's clear that horses are a family affair for the Kennedys who are equally at home in the show ring or the hunt field, enjoying every minute and doing it all as a team.

We get to spend a busy 24 hours with Kevin McCarthy and Keely O'Hara, who balance running McCarthy's Pub in Cazenovia New York and showing at the highest levels of the sport. Always gracious, the pair opened the Pub for our photo shoot and even invited some four-legged friends to join the fun.



The Junior Rider Focus lands on Melodie Robitaille, an accomplished young rider who when she is not riding or showing, can be found modeling for ad campaigns or behind the lens of a camera shooting for horse show photographer Josh Winslow.

Our Equestrian Style column is a wonderful Q&A with actress, entrepreneur and equestrienne, Annie Heise, founder and President of Two Bits Equestrian. A new horse owner, Annie shares with us a bit about her riding, what inspired her to create the collection, and her goals for 2020.



Our Tech Equestrian column features WalkPro, a course walk app created by 18-year-old Carolina Villanueva Suarez who is on a quest to make the sport more tech-friendly.

Also in this issue, the debut of Parents Perspective, a new column observing the dynamics of the sport, written by those who support it.

We hope that 2020 brings you health, happiness and time with the ones you love – enjoy the issue!

About World Equestrian Center

The World Equestrian Center features two premiere multidisciplinary horse show venues located in Wilmington, Ohio and Ocala, Florida.

Our Wilmington, Ohio facility includes more than 200,000 square feet of climate-controlled indoor riding space and features premium footing, permanent stabling and onsite accommodations. The facility hosts 32 WEC-owned US EQUESTRIAN rated hunter/jumper horse shows each year as well as top AQHA shows, breed shows, clinics and other events.

Slated to open in 2021, the World Equestrian Center Ocala, Florida will provide world-class equestrian competition in all disciplines and equestrian-inspired country club living adjacent to the fabulous Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club.

Dedicated to offering great sport and good fun in a family friendly environment, the World Equestrian Center promises their exhibitors a horse show experience built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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