

**Catching up:** Holly Hugo-Vidal says she's excited to be back in California, having returned from North Carolina and opened up shop at Showpark, in Del Mar, where she plans to have a small group of riders. Holly also will continue to judge and give clinics. She has brought her two Frenchies, who have acquired a love for the beach. Holly lives in Rancho Santa Fe around the bend from **Arthur Hawkins**.

**Bernie Traurig**, along with **Scott Hofstetter**, **Nona Garson** and **Linda Andrisani**, judged the hunt seat divisions of the **College Preparatory Invitational**. **Robert Dover** judged the dressage competition, a new addition to the event in its second year. Read about Bernie's newest venture in the next issue of Sidelines.

**Cornelia Guest** is a girl of many talents. She now has a line of jewelry and handbags that will be carried by some high end horse show vendors. "Nell" has teamed up with her old partner **Mason Phelps** to promote her new products and we expect to see her around the horse shows by the end of season. Welcome back Nell.

And speaking of Mason, **Karen Robinson** has written his biography. Now this is sure to be a best seller!



*Peter Leone joined members of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Board of Directors at their annual meeting in Orlando to share a great story. The Olympic Silver Medalist's curiosity inspired him to give the "old college try" to the collegiate competition format. He also joined the IHSA board meeting to celebrate the launch of his new book, *Peter Leone's Show Jumping Clinic: Success Strategies for Equestrian Athletes*, written by Leone and Kimberly S. Jaussi, PhD, herself an avid rider, writer and coach*

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While we're plugging books, we must mention that Olympic Silver Medalist, **Peter Leone**, has a new book due out in April that's sure to be a winner. *Peter Leone's Show Jumping Clinic: Success Strategies for Equestrian Athletes*, written by Leone

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and **Kimberly S. Jaussi, PhD**, explores every aspect of riding from the basics of correct use of aids through the psychology of approaching a World Cup course.

We hear the medics were called in when a trainer and his groom got into a fist fight recently at one of the big winter circuits. Ouch – now that is a bit much, don't you think.

Do you believe that **James H. Fairclough, II** joined *HISTORY's Full Metal Jousting* for its inaugural season? The 10 part series features full contact jousts with competitors going head-to-head on horseback in brutal tests of strength, endurance and courage. High speed cameras capture every punishing blow as jousters charge and collide at 30 miles per hour, with their combat not being choreographed at all. The last man standing takes home a \$100,000 cash prize. Um...that last man standing part sounds a bit ominous to us...

**The Other Side of the Pond:** **Eurospy** tells us that **Bruce Hewett**, the Equine Osteopath who regularly flies into the USA to treat clients, is now finding that he is as much in demand in the dressage world and in particular with Lusitanos. Firstly, he was invited down to Windsor to treat horses owned by **Pinky Heintz** for whom **Peter Storr**, one of the leading UK riders used to compete. We hear his newest client is **Neno Baptiste**, one

of the leading dressage trainers and riders in Portugal.

**Ben Maher** who recently separated from his wife (after a rather brief union) enjoyed a wonderful Olympia with spectacular results, is currently in Wellington with a team of horses.

**Skye Higgin**, a local girl who was formerly based with **Dave Quigley** (Ire), and whose Mother Emma Higgin regularly writes an entertaining blog on [www.thehorseexchange.com](http://www.thehorseexchange.com) is thoroughly enjoying her time in Wellington and has discovered the joys of 'Players Club' and is causing quite a stir with her English accent and quintessential English rose looks, amongst the men folk.

**Tim Stockdale** is on the mend having spent five weeks flat on his back in the local Orthopaedic hospital, Gobowen with a broken neck. He is recovering well and has allegedly decided to take action against the owners of the horse he fell from. It is reported he was *not* wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. (Maybe this would explain why no sense has been knocked into him, to be quite frank). Had it not been for the immediate response and medical knowledge of the staff on site at the time, he would almost certainly have been paralysed. Tim did express his extreme gratitude before taking steps to sue.