PFEE congratulates hometown Olympians
Phillip Dutton and Mighty Nice for their
Bronze medal performance in Rio!

PFEE presents the 9th annual
Plantation Field International
Horse Trials & Country Fair

September 15-18, 2016
Unionville • Pennsylvania
Welcome to the 2016-2017 Plantation Field season! What a long and storied history these fields have seen, bringing PF to where it is today. Seventy five years ago a local Boy Scout troop received permission to plant bushes in the woods, thus the name Plantation Field. Then in 1976, a small group of eventing enthusiasts started the Chesterland 3-Day Event. This group, headed by Bruce Davidson and Mary Hazzard, was able to conduct the trials due in large part to Mrs. John Hannum and other landowners who allowed this new equestrian activity to invade their foxhunting paradise. Mrs. Hannum’s legacy is continued through the efforts of her family and her nephew, Mr. Cuyler Walker, who allows us to use his Plantation Field. If you have the opportunity to see Cuyler Walker or Katie Walker, please say “Thank you!”

In 1985 Denis and Bambi Glaccum began organizing horse trials, eventually starting the non-profit organization that would later become Plantation Field Equestrian Events. When they relocated their horse trials venture to Unionville, it was the perfect pairing of this incredible venue with the experience of the Glaccums. In 2008, after several years of very successful National-level horse trials, PFEE took the plunge to add the International CIC levels.

In these eight years the September CIC event has grown rapidly into a top-notch International-level competition dubbed a “destination event” for competitors and spectators alike. We are proud of our progress and will continue to make improvements to the venue for the benefit of everyone that uses Plantation Field throughout the year. Thanks go to Jacob Embree and Jamie Hicks for the TLC they give the turf throughout the year to maintain the best footing possible for the cross country tracks. Be sure to check out the newly-added complex of cross country obstacles built to replicate the historic Chevreuse Kennels.

In addition to the Festival in September, PFEE hosts three National-level horse trials and three “Starter”-level events where riders can hone their skills in a more relaxed competitive atmosphere. We have also begun a successful series of summer schooling shows so riders can practice their skills in the dressage and show jumping arenas.

Plantation Field Equestrian Events is dedicated to preserving open space for all to enjoy, as well as providing quality competitions in which equestrians of all levels can participate. Thank you to everyone who supports our efforts.

Enjoy your day!

Mary Coldren
Director, Plantation Field Horse Trials
PLANTATION FIELD EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PFEE $5,000 THOROUGHBRED COMPETITION SERIES!
Prize money awarded to the top finishing Thoroughbred in PFEE 2017 events in Beginner Novice, Novice and Training.
Thoroughbred must be identified on the entry form.
See our website for more information.

APRIL 22-23 - SPRING HORSE TRIALS
Saturday & Sunday (Recognized)
Intermediate, Preliminary, Training, Novice, Beginner Novice

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JUNE 12 - SCHOOLING DAY
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THIS IS THE ONLY DAY PLANTATION FIELD XC IS OPEN FOR SCHOOLING!

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NEW IN 2017:
We heard you!
“Introductory” level in all Starter Trials!

SCHOOLING JUMPER SHOWS
(All on Wednesdays)
JUNE 21
JULY 12
AUGUST 9

SCHOOLING DRESSAGE SHOWS
(All on Wednesdays)
JULY 19
AUGUST 23

SEPT. 14-17, 2017
PF INTERNATIONAL CIC HORSE TRIALS
CIC3 • CIC2 • CIC1

OCTOBER 28 - STARTER HORSE TRIALS
Saturday (Unrecognized)
Training, Novice, Beginner Novice, Introductory, Elementary

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Come eventing at Plantation Field in beautiful Unionville, Pennsylvania!
It’s that time of the year! Plantation Field International Horse Trials — also known as the Best. Event. Ever. — is Eventing Nation’s favorite event of the entire season.

Why, you ask? Here are 10 things we love about Plantation Field:

1. COMPETITION
The divisions at Plantation Field are always packed with the best horses and riders on the East Coast, and this year doesn’t disappoint. More than 40 horses and riders will battle it out for top honors in the prestigious CIC3* division, which is part of the Adequan USEA Gold Cup/PRO Tour Series. The CIC2* is packed to the brim with nearly 100 entries, and the CIC1* divisions also boast more than 90 entries.

2. VIEW
Plantation Field continues to offer one of the best viewing experiences for cross country in the U.S. You can perch yourself on top of one of the many rolling hills and almost see the entire course. If you smell a delightful aroma while watching the action on Sunday, it’s coming from Steve Berkowitz’s grill, where he flips his famous burgers during cross country.

3. HOSPITALITY
Plantation Field is well known for treating riders and owners like kings and queens. All CIC riders and owners eat and drink for free all weekend for every meal, as well as at the great parties hosted each night. We can vouch for the fact that the food and beverages are always delicious.

4. COURSE
Mike Etherington-Smith will once again bring a top-notch track to Plantation Field as the CIC3* and CIC2* course designer. New fences have been added to the course, courtesy of Eric Bull and ETB Construction. Nina Fout has also worked alongside Mike to design the CIC1* course as part of Plantation Field’s Course Designer Development Program.

5. TAILGATING
Not only do you get a great view of cross country when tailgating at Plantation Field, but the intensity of the theme competition increases every year. This year tailgaters will go all out with the Septemberfest theme to impress a panel of celebrity judges in the hopes of winning prizes from local favorite The Whip Tavern. Which famous face might be stopping by your tailgate as a judge?

6. SHOPPING
This year’s Vendor Village will be bigger and better than ever with more than 50 businesses located under one big tent to allow for shopping in all weather conditions. The Plantation Field Vendor Village has it all: saddle and tack shops, jewelry, clothing, boots, antiques and artwork, furniture and accessories, outerwear, and sweets and treats.

7. BEVERAGES
It’s easy to have a good time at Plantation Field with so many tasty beverages flowing all weekend, and this year the sprawling Victory Biergarten sponsored by local favorite Victory Brewing Company will offer beer tastings, delectable German food and live music for those 21 and older.

8. THEMES
Dancing With The Stars, Downton Abbey and Down Under in the Aussie Outback have delighted competitors and spectators alike over the past few years at Plantation Field, and this year the Septemberfest theme will bring an authentic Oktoberfest flair to the festivities. The popular Saturday night party for sponsors, CIC riders and CIC owners will showcase the theme in full force, with a performance from a polka band and other authentic German entertainment throughout the evening.

9. HIGH JUMP
Plantation Field pioneered the concept of a bareback puissance, and this year the event is upping the ante once more with the new Legends High Jump. Three legends of eventing, foxhunting and steeplechasing will face off against three young rising stars in an unforgettable high jump competition on Sunday. The winners will take home $1,000 in prize money courtesy of everyone’s favorite vet Dr. Kevin Keane and Sports Medicine Associates.

10. BENEFICIARIES
Plantation Field has long given back to worthy causes in the community, and this year proceeds will benefit Work to Ride, which gives disadvantaged urban youth the opportunity to learn to ride and care for horses. The Chester County Food Bank, Barn at Spring Brook Farm and Cheshire Land Preservation will also benefit from proceeds.
Look who’s going to be our guest at the PLANTATION FIELD

Thank you to all of our sponsors for your generosity and support for the Plantation Field International Horse Trials and the sport of eventing, as well as our four charities. Danke!

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In 1985 I was approached by Steve Groat, Director of the steeplechase races at Fair Hill, MD. Steve communicated that MD wanted to develop equestrian events at their Maryland facility. The state had acquired Fair Hill from the estate of William DuPont who had died in 1966. Since acquiring the property in the early 70’s, Fair Hill had very few activities. The steeplechase races, Pony Club activities, and the Cecil Country Fair were the major activities held at the facility.

The state pledged that if “we demonstrated a need for equestrian events” they would make the financial commitment to support equestrian sports. I organized a group, received a small grant and we ran our first Horse Trials in August of 1986. Since I had spent eighteen years at IBM, making this change was not undertaken without considerable thought and receiving tacit support from my family (Bambi).

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With the acquisition of additional land, PFEE, Inc. added an International CIC Horse Trials nine years ago. The International was initiated to help provide American riders international experience over quality courses. All four of the Americans that rode in the recent Rio Olympics are competitors at many of our Trials, led by PFEE Board Member and CIC Committee Member Phillip Dutton, whose individual Bronze Medal was the American highlight of those games.

When starting the CIC, our Committee was expanded to include Cuyler and Katie Walker, Philip and Evie Dutton, Boyd Martin, my wife, Bambi and myself, Jamie Hicks and Amy Borun. The herculean efforts of Katie Walker’s fund raising has enabled Plantation Field to continue to develop as a destination eventing facility. The main arena was built, then a warm up area, electricity added and an upgrading of most aspects of the site has continued. With the addition of Phillip and Boyd to our committee, emphasis on footing and course development has been a major effort. They, along with our local farmer Jamie Hicks, have witnessed the course transformation into a major international eventing venue. Fertilizing, seeding, grading and, most importantly, mowing, have been ongoing activities for the last four years. We have been blessed to have available the “Embrees,” a local family who work at Plantation. Led by Jacob Embree, they oversee all of the maintenance and continuous upkeep of this great farm.

Volunteers are the key ingredient that enables the sport to continue. Since the late 80’s Kathy Blank and Anne Ogletree have been fixtures, recently joined by Peter Jaffe (timer) and Ellie Debenham when we moved to Plantation.

Following the 2013 season I retired as the Director of Plantation Field and Mary Coldren took over the responsibility of managing PFEE, Inc. She has brought great organizational skills and a depth of knowledge of the sport. The Plantation Field Board plays an active role in the evolution of this non-profit into a more managed entity.

The challenges facing Plantation Field Equestrian Events, Inc. as we go forward are many. The competitive demands to upgrade and continue to develop this site requires considerable funding. In June, in my role as President, I formed a site facility committee of board members to plan and prioritize Plantation’s improvements. If we are to add stables, water and additional competitive surfaces, PFEE needs to grow our people resources and hopefully attract additional individuals who have the time and skills to assist in our development.

It has been rewarding to see competitors step forward and participate in our development. Some like Phillip and Boyd have played a major role in it. Recently we have had other active riders assist by volunteering their time and knowledge.

The journey that started over thirty years ago has had considerable “bumps” along the way. I could never have imagined then where that journey would take PFEE. Our goal now is to continue to provide opportunities for American equestrians of all ages and skill levels. By offering a world-class facility like PF, hopefully we can assist our American eventers to be successful in the International arena.
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The Cheshire Land Preservation Fund is a charitable 501(c)(3) trust created in 1989. The LPF was organized (1) to promote and encourage the preservation of open space, agricultural resources, and natural ecological systems in Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania in cooperation with other non-profit organizations having similar goals and (2) to acquire, manage, lease, sell or otherwise deal with tracts of rural or undeveloped land threatened by excessive development.

The Cheshire Land Preservation Fund is fortunate to be working in an area where the natural resources and scenic viewsheds are deserving of special consideration when it comes to open space preservation. More than a quarter of a century ago, before development pressures had reached the area, the Brandywine Conservancy recognized the significance of the local natural resources and began a concerted long-term effort to have permanent conservation easements placed on large tracts of land. Through their efforts, and those of several other conservation organizations and land trusts, there are now over 30,000 contiguous acres in our area subject to conservation easements and deed restrictions that will permanently preserve their rural character and agricultural use.

The Land Preservation Fund is managed exclusively by volunteers, so no individual receives any compensation for providing services. Other than amounts for maintenance of our properties, insurance and accounting fees, virtually all of the funds which are raised by the organization are available to invest in acquiring property or conservation easements to further our mission.

The Chester County Food Bank is a non-profit organization that collects, grows, purchases, processes, stores and distributes food to those who serve the hungry of Chester County, Pennsylvania. We are the central location for local agencies, like food cupboards, that service to individuals in need.

We distribute over 2 million pounds of food per year to over 120 organizations that include food cupboards, meal sites and other social service non-profit organizations. Using the donations we receive, we are able to provide for the needs of those who serve the hungry. Our programs are nutrition based, education focused on helping people live better lives. Fresh produce donations at cupboards, and healthy cooking classes are just the beginning of how we are making inroads in the fight against hunger.

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The Barn at Spring Brook Farm was founded in 2006 by Mary Beth Drobish on her 18-acre farm just outside of West Chester. Her vision was to combine her passion for animals and her love of children in a unique way. After much reflection, she decided to build a handicapped-accessible Chester County barn to provide opportunities for children with disabilities to participate in animal-assisted activities. With that, The Barn at Spring Brook Farm, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, was born and little did Mary Beth know exactly how successful her idea would be!

Over the years the programs have grown to include individual visits with one on one interaction between the children and animals; a summer camp with fun filled days that include both animal interaction and activities designed to improve socialization and sensory skills; and educational field trips that provide opportunities for large groups of special needs children to interact with the animals.

The Barn at Spring Brook Farm is truly a unique place – there is no other organization in the Great Philadelphia area that provides this type of service to children. Every day the organization is grateful for the numerous volunteers, benefactors, friends and staff that make it possible to enrich the lives of children with autism and disabilities through animal-assisted activities.

Work to Ride provides activities that promote discipline, self-esteem, motivation, social development, life skills, academic achievement and physical fitness through year round programs that encourage long term participation. In addition, educational and cultural resources are provided to participants and the community-at-large, as well as vocational guidance and opportunities for careers in related fields.

What is Work to Ride?
Founded in 1994, Work to Ride (WTR) is a 501 (c)3, non-profit community-based prevention program that aids disadvantaged urban youth through constructive activities centered on horsemanship, equine sports and education. The program is housed at Chamounix Stables, located in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. This setting provides a unique opportunity to bring urban youth in contact with animals and nature. Work to Ride is designed as a long-term program for 7 to 19 year-old youth who must commit to a minimum of one year of participation. Work to Ride graduates receive help with college enrollment, and most also choose to return to Chamounix to mentor new participants. Additionally, Chamounix Stables becomes a “home away from home” for participants. Spending time at the stable helps kids develop family-like relationships that become integral components of their lifestyles. Participation in Work to Ride teaches the youth that the combination of hard work and supportive relationships leads to success.
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Thanks for the memories!
Sometimes a picture really IS worth a thousand words.

WHAT A HORSE! HND Group’s Mighty Nice had just one rail down between his two show jumping rounds today to win the individual bronze medal at the 2016 Olympic Games. Considering the incredible effort he made yesterday on cross country, I could not be more proud of the way Happy jumped today. I’ve never had a horse with a bigger heart. Even when he is tired or not feeling his best, he just keeps trying.

I truly think Happy genuinely loves the sport, and I’m thrilled for the horse and his owners: Caroline Moran, Kevin Keane, Annie Jones, Michael Bombar and Evie Dutton.

His late owner Bruce Duchossois believed very strongly in the talent of this horse. We wish Bruce could have been here to see Happy win a bronze medal at the Olympics, but we know he is watching over him.

We wouldn’t be here without the help of many, many people. Thank you to Emma Ford — who deserves this medal as much as I do — my family, my team, my owners, my sponsors and especially to everyone who has cheered us on back home. We have been overwhelmed by the support and are so excited to bring an Olympic medal home to the USA!

Phillip Dutton

“I feel extremely blessed to still be grooming and enjoying the whole experience whilst getting to take care of amazing athletes, all while being a part of this extended eventing family.”

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PHASE 1: DRESSAGE
The dressage phase begins every eventing competition. In French, dressage means "training." The dressage test, as it's called, comprises a set series of movements performed in an enclosed arena. Each movement is scored on a scale of 0-10, with the overall harmony and precision of the test taken into consideration by the judges. This gives the rider their base score for the rest of the competition; the lower the score the better.

The purpose of the dressage test is to display the level of communication between the horse and rider as well as the power and grace required to perform each movement with balance, rhythm and suppleness. Due to the demands of the sport, the three-day event horse is extremely fit, and only strong and tactful riders possess the skills needed to harness and direct that energy into a polished and powerful performance.

PHASE 2: CROSS COUNTRY
And now for the fun stuff. Cross-country takes place on the second day of competition (except in a "CIC" event in which it falls on the third day). The object is to test the speed, endurance and jumping ability of the horse over varied terrain and obstacles. In order to accomplish this, the horse and rider must be at peak condition. The horse must be brave and obedient, and the rider must be skilled and maybe a bit crazy.

The course covers approximately 2.75 to 4 miles, along which sit 24-36 fixed and solid obstacles. It's ridden at a gallop, with exact speed requirements depending on the level of competition. Cross-country courses require horses and riders to be bold and smart, while testing their physical stamina. The aim is to complete the course on time and with as few penalties as possible. Penalties can be accrued through jumping errors (horse refuses or runs out at an obstacle) or by exceeding the optimum time allowed.

It is the ultimate challenge to prepare a horse for this rigorous test. As an additional attraction, equestrian sports the only Olympic competition where men and women compete as equals.

PHASE 3: SHOW JUMPING
The final test takes place in the show jumping arena. The course comprises a series of colorful fences with rails and such that are easily knocked down. This phase tests the stamina and recovery of the horse after cross country.

The show jumping course requires very exact riding and consists of between 12 and 15 obstacles. The courses are designed to test the horse and rider's ability to negotiate a variety of fences of differing widths, colors and technicality. This requires the horse be balanced and supple for tight turns and short distances between fences. He must be able to lengthen or shorten his stride in an instant. Therefore, the rider must know exactly where he is on the approach to a fence, with an obedient horse that will respond instantly. For the spectator, show jumping is both exciting and breathtaking to watch, as just one single rail knocked down can change the final standings dramatically. Penalty points are added to the rider's score for dropped rails, refusals and exceeding the time limit.
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