

# Seahawk

An Event Horse for the Future



Seahawk is a North American bred Thoroughbred by Chief Seattle out of Miss Atlantis, foaled in 2008. Originally put in to training as a 2 year old at Rapid Run Training Center in Ocala, Florida and registered with the Jockey Club as Mighty Mariner, Seahawk has found his niche in the sport of Eventing.

## What is eventing?

Eventing is a three phase competition set to test the versatility of the sport horse. The first phase, Dressage, demonstrates a horse's trainability and quality of movement. The Cross Country jumping phase tests the endurance, bravery, and accuracy of horse and rider as they tackle obstacles such as ditches, drops, and water complexes over natural terrain at high speeds. The Show Jumping phase asks horse and rider to demonstrate technical skill and precision over fences that can be knocked down for penalties. Usually held after the Cross Country phase, Show Jumping also tests the horse's stamina and agility. Eventing competitions are decided by a cumulative penalty score achieved by one horse and rider combination through all three phases within a 1-3 day period.

## Stephanie Rhodes Bosch

Stephanie is 25 years old from British Columbia, Canada, now training in the United States full time. Having represented Canada at the 2010 World Equestrian Games as one of the youngest athletes, and led her team to a Silver Medal while claiming 9<sup>th</sup> Individually, Stephanie has proven herself to be an International Contender. Top finishes at the biggest competitions in North America since 2007 have inspired Stephanie to extend her sights towards the 2014 World Equestrian Games, the 2015 Pan American Games, and the 2016 Olympics. All of Stephanie's past International successes have been achieved on a horse she has owned for 9 years, and they moved up the levels of the sport together. Port Authority took Stephanie from a Bronze Medal at the North American Young Rider Championships in 2008, through to the Silver Medal at the World Equestrian Games in 2010, and now Stephanie is building a string of horses to support her through the upcoming International Championships.



Stephanie and her parents worked very hard to support the expenses of Port Authority's campaign through the World Equestrian Game, and they continue to train and compete Port Authority at their own expense. In order to expand the horizons and succeed Internationally on multiple horses, Stephanie needs to build a team of enthusiastic supporters. Syndicate ownership of Event horses is a fantastic way to ensure that riders continue to have horses to compete, without any one person shouldering the burden of the expenses. Becoming a part of a Syndicate is joining a team, uniting with one common goal, which is the enjoyment of horses in sport.

Syndicates are not typically formed for the purpose of profit, and while there are some tax advantages associated with owning an event horse, most of the benefits come from the experience. Attending competitions as an owner provide a very close look at the sport, and some of the behind the scenes action. Attending competitions as a group of owners presents the opportunity for social activities, and being closely involved with a competitor is an added thrill to an already exciting sport. Becoming a part of a rider's team is a very exciting and rewarding opportunity, as the team members can know that it is their support that is helping a rider get closer to achieving their goals in sport.



## Seahawk Syndicate Details and Goals

The main goal of the Seahawk Syndicate is to produce Seahawk to the international level of Eventing for Stephanie Rhodes-Bosch as a rider.

Goals for 2013 include consistent top placings at the Training level, upgrading to Preliminary level in the fall, and qualifying for the United States Eventing Association Young Event Horse Championships, held in Maryland in October.

Goals for 2014 would include his introduction to International Competition, most likely with a CCI 1star at the Ocala International Event, held at the Florida Horse Park in April. In the fall, an upgrade to the Intermediate level would be the goal.

2015 is the year of the Pan American Games in Toronto. In order to qualify, Seahawk must prove himself at the CCI 2 star level in the spring, and be selected by the High Performance committee in order to be named to the team.

The Goal in 2016 would be to move up to the Advanced level, and to contest a CCI 3star in the fall with the hopes of being named to the Short List of the National team.

Shares of 10% are being offered at a cost of \$2000 per share, and each member contributes to 10% of the projected annual budget. For 2013 the budget has been set at \$25000. As Seahawk moves up the levels, the annual budget must grow to accommodate the increased cost of competition and maintenance. At the Advanced level, the annual budget is not expected to exceed \$55000. Each fall, the plan and budget for the following year will be discussed at a meeting of all members, and members can choose to make their contribution at the beginning of the year, or in installments throughout the year.

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