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**Fieldstone Show Park Hosting Two
USHJA Educational Forums
'Judging the Hunter Derby' and 'Course Designing'
to Feature Top Officials**

Halifax, MA – February 4, 2020 – Fieldstone Show Park will be hosting two **United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) Educational Forums** during its 2020 show series. Sponsored by the New England Equitation Championships (NEEC), both forums will be presented by highly esteemed officials and are free for everyone to attend.

“We are really excited to host two USHJA Educational Forums this year,” said show manager TomHern. “Continuing education is extremely important as our sport is constantly changing and evolving and Fieldstone is happy to assist in this. Last year 50 people attended the Course Designer Forum and we are expecting many more this year.”



The Fieldstone Show Park Horse Show Series features six hunter-jumper horse shows, including three FEI CSI2* competitions and six Grand Prix including four with \$50,000 prize money. Fieldstone's horse shows also offer a wide variety of Hunter and Jumper classes including hunter breeding and hunter derby as well as all national and local equitation Medal classes. Also included are the **New England Hunter Jumper Association (NEHJA) Finals** and **Massachusetts Hunter Jumper (MHJ) Medal Finals**.

The **2020 Fieldstone Show Park Series** includes:

- **Fieldstone Spring Festival** – May 6-10 and May 13-17;
- **Plymouth Rock Hunter Jumper** – June 17-21 and June 24-28;
- **Fieldstone Summer Showcase** – August 12-16 and August 18-22 with the **Massachusetts Hunter Jumper (MHJ) Finals** wrapping up the series on August 23.



New this year, **'Judging the Hunter Derby,'** will take place during week one of the Fieldstone Spring Festival, May 6-10. It will feature esteemed hunter judges **Brian Lenehan, Andrea Wells, and Tony Sgarlata** who will also be officiating at the show that week. The judges will be discussing their thoughts and strategies for judging the hunter derby and discussing the course and fielding questions afterwards. The forum will be held in the morning and participants will ride later so they can execute what they learned. Refreshments will be served.

The second annual **'Course Designing'** forum will again feature top FEI4* Course Designer **Anthony D'Ambrosio**, who received the USHJA Course Designer of the Year Award in 2008 and 2010, and has created tests at some of the biggest events in the world including the 2009 and 2015 FEI World Cup™ Finals in Las Vegas.

'Course Designing' will take place during week two of the **Fieldstone Summer Showcase, August 18-22**, during which D'Ambrosio will also be the official Course Designer. D'Ambrosio will demonstrate how to lay out a course, how to tape combinations, discuss the technical points of building and riding a jumper course, and walk the course. Participants will be able to ride the course the following morning to execute what they learned.

"We are thrilled that Fieldstone will be hosting two USHJA Forums this year," said Fran Dotoli, Chairman of USHJA Zone 1. "Tom Hern really understands the benefit of hosting educational forums during the shows, and it's really exciting how well received they are by the membership."

About Fieldstone Show Park

Fieldstone Show Park is the premier equestrian show facility in the Northeast. The magnificent venue has beautifully manicured grounds and features an all-grass Grand Prix Field with natural features, five competition arenas and several schooling areas with all-weather GGT hybrid/felt footing, which enable the classes to run in any weather.



There are also new VIP and spectator areas, new tents, new stalls, new FEI stabling and schooling ring, permanent score boards at the Grand Prix and Hunter 2 rings, as well as new ring layout and vendor areas. Fieldstone's friendly staff greet you at the gate with your stall assignments for an easy arrival process. All competition results are featured live on HorseShowing.com.

Fieldstone welcomes everyone to enjoy the excitement and the events are fun for

the whole family! Located at 21 Plymouth Street, Rte.106 in Halifax, MA, Fieldstone is conveniently located just 28 miles south of Boston, 9 miles from historic downtown Plymouth, MA, and 25 miles from Cape Cod. There is on-site parking throughout the week. Jumps, rails and golf carts are also available for sale.

Further information about Fieldstone Show Park and its 2020 Show Series is available online at www.fieldstoneshowpark.com.

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