

Angelstone Show Jumping Tournaments BUILDING A DREAM

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In 2007, when Kean White bought his farm in Erin, his dream was to build a world-class equine competition site that offered a great spectator experience.

White's dream included the creation of a unique experience for riders and spectators while building strong partnerships.

2020 marks the tenth anniversary of Angelstone Show Jumping Tournaments. Over the past 10 years, Angelstone has welcomed many of North America's top riders, almost 1,000 championship-level horses and over 20,000 visitors. Angelstone's show roster regularly lists world-class and Olympic-level riders, including Ian Millar, our most decorated equestrian rider. Captain Canada recently retired from show jumping, however Millar has committed to return to Angelstone and take part in the *Ian Millar Legacy Grand Prix* each season.

During the summer, shows take place over five weekends. By integrating education into special activities, visitors get the opportunity to better understand the sport. Show announcers work hard at entertaining their audience as they share the intricacies and rules of the course and horse jumping in general. Super Saturdays are geared to heighten spectator engagement, offering a variety of activities including a prize draw for their \$1,000. 'Commitment to Education' bursary that also pairs the winner with a rider for the evening.

Other show spectator and family activities include:

- The Kids Zone, a partnership with Ontario Equestrian offers interactive horse education and is located in the middle of the show grounds.
- The Horseless Horse Show (no horse required) is a race over a jump course takes place prior to the Triple Crown Grand Prix events on Saturday evenings.
- Pre-show 'Course Walks' educate spectators about the jumping course.

Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic basket, or there is a variety of food/drink options - from food trucks to reserved box seats to catered dining. An advanced reservation will get couples a special date night at Angelstone with a ring-side love-seat and champagne for two. Admission and parking is free.

The Riders Development Cup is new for 2020. Offering \$100,000 in prize money, this program will include classes for all ages and levels. Based on the successful Rocky Mountain Show Jumping (Alberta) program, this is a partnership with Ontario Equestrian and is targeted to developing young riders.

Sam Walker, 2019 champion



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Sam Walker with Kubota prize and Sponsor rep



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Kean White and Leilani



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Championship Podium Celebration

“The Rider’s Cup is a great way to kick off our 10th anniversary year and show our continued commitment to the sport. It’s important for our young riders to compete in a team atmosphere; they are the future of our sport,” says Kean White.

By investing in infrastructure such as show ring reconstruction and bleacher upgrades and supported by a strong sponsorship program, Angelstone continues attract high-level competitors. The Triple Crown Grand Prix takes places three times over the season, and is especially exciting to watch. It’s a dream that continues to evolve.



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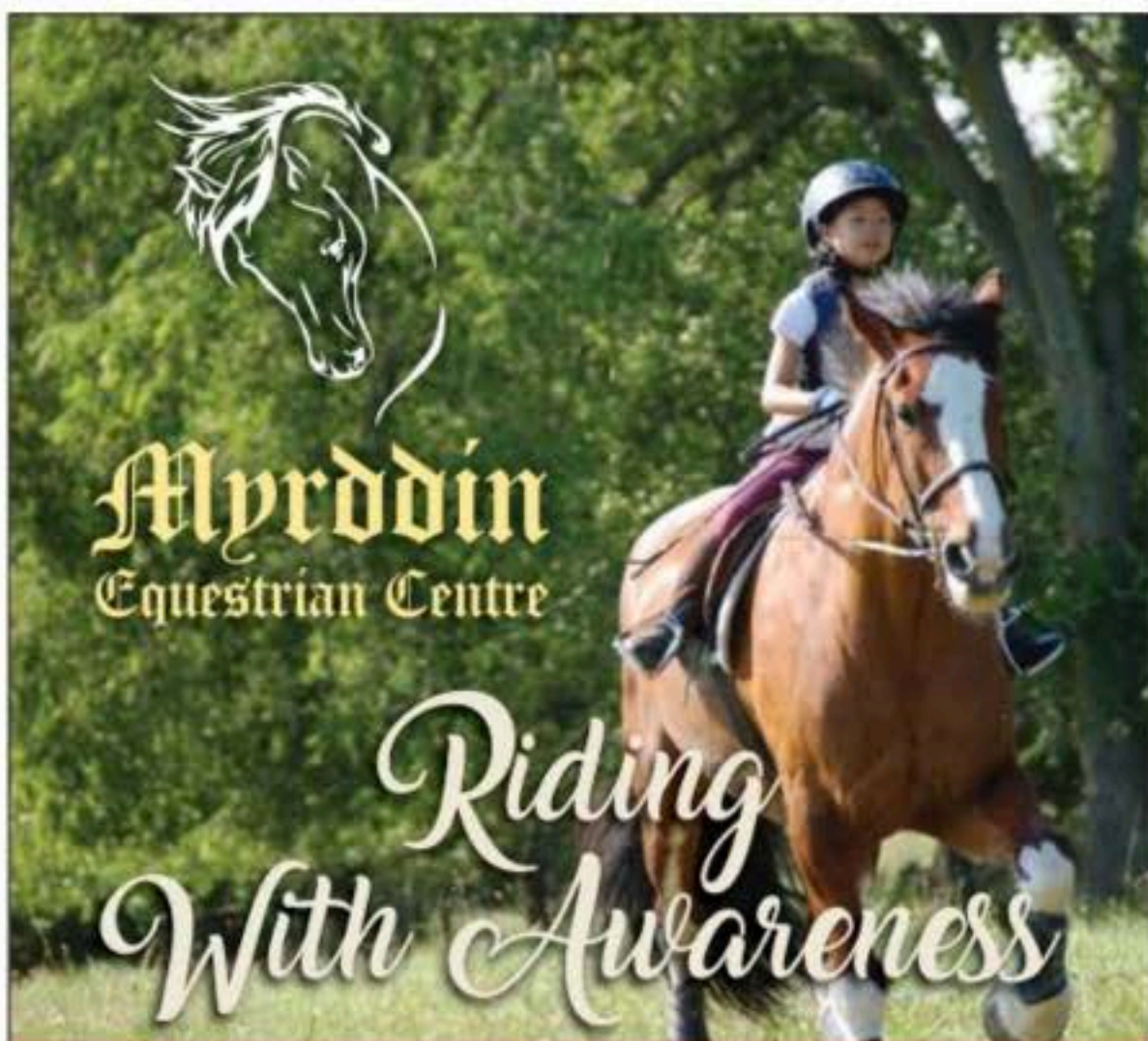
Hunter

This show jumping class is judged on how the horse moves, jumps, their attitude, the shape of their jump, and striding. Points are awarded based on accuracy, turnout, grace, and elegance of both the horse and rider. The team with the most points wins.



Jumper

In this class, the horse and rider team with the fastest time and fewest faults or errors, over the course wins.



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