

## A Season Recap of Some of Triple Crown Nutrition's Sponsored Riders - part 2

*We would like to share a few sponsored rider highlights from 2013. From ribbons and new horses, to competing in France, our riders stayed busy and have plenty to be proud of in 2013. Enjoy!*



It was a very exciting year for **Hawley Bennett-Awad**. The year started with three wins in a row at the Advanced and CIC3\* level for Hawley and her top horse Gin&Juice as they prepared for the Rolex Kentucky CCI4\*. At Rolex, Hawley and Ginny were fan favorites, showing their Canadian pride and adding less than one time fault to their dressage score to finish 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

During the summer months, Hawley enjoyed watching some of her working students help develop some of her promising young horses, as the barn traveled to Rebecca Farms in Montana and participated in numerous shows in Area VI.

After a great deal of fundraising and overwhelming amount of support, Hawley and Ginny successfully competed in Texas and traveled to France for Pau. Together, Hawley and Ginny earned their best dressage score to date and went clean on another very tough 4\* cross-country course. With just one rail to add, this duo added a top 20 finish to their already decorated resume at yet another 4\*, and are looking better than ever as the World Equestrian Games approach in 2014!

As Ginny started her journey back to the U.S., Hawley took the quickest flight home possible from France to make it home in time for the Galway Downs International Event. Here she competed some of her exciting future prospects in the CCI\* division, as well as in the Training 3 day. These young horses all look to be great additions to the Canadian team in the coming years, and Hawley is very excited about all of the horses in her program going into next year.

Another highlight and bittersweet moment was the retirement of Hawley's past Olympic partner and horse of a lifetime, Livingston. He retired healthy and happy at the age of 23 with a very special ceremony in his honor at Galway Downs. As the crowds gave "Hank" a standing ovation, Hawley was brought to tears by all this horse did for her career and life!



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The 2013 show season was an exciting year for **Lauren Crooks** and her whole team at Crooks Show Jumping. Lauren and Navare d' Oriolles won the prestigious \$33,000 WestJet Cup at the CSI4\*-W Spruce Meadows Tournament. This successful pair also had numerous other top results, including:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$33,000 CSI2\* Thunderbird Classic Grand Prix
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place \$55,000 CSI2\*-W Purica Recovery EQ World Cup Qualifier
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place \$24,750 The Ridge at Wellington Grand Prix Series Finale

Lauren also piloted her successful young mare, C'est Ci Bon 4, into her first Grand Prix and took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the \$25,000 ESP Grand Prix of Wellington. Dancer and Lauren also had great results all year with a proud finish of 9<sup>th</sup> in the \$55,000 CSI2\*-W Purica Recovery EQ World Cup Qualifier. Dancer is always a crowd pleaser due to his incredible presence and the fact he's only 15.1h. Lauren also has a couple of new Grand Prix Prospects, including a top new 7-year-old named Detroit, which will be one to look out for next year!

Lauren also excitedly announced that she and her brother/business partner, Sean Crooks, have relocated their Jumper and Hunter Stable back to Washington State where they were born. They have been based out east, switching between Wellington, Fla. and Brewster, N.Y., for the past five years and finally made the wonderful decision to return home. Their business is booming and they cannot wait to see what 2014 has in store!



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**Lynn Symansky** had an exciting year! The latest achievement was Lynn and Donner's competition in France at Les Etoiles de Pau CCI\*\*\*\*.

After dressage, Lynn and Donner were mid pack out of 76 starters heading into cross-country. Lynn and U.S. coach David O'Connor were quite happy with the test Donner performed, but unfortunately their score did not quite reflect Donner's effort. The cross-country course definitely shook up the standings, and once again Donner showed his cross-country prowess, finishing his second 4\* of the year with a double clear round. He was the fastest of the day as well, and moved up 26 places into 12<sup>th</sup>. The final phase, show jumping, was very tough and only seven of the 50 pairs to tackle the course managed to jump clear. Donner had two rails down but jumped a great round to finish in 13<sup>th</sup> place. That's pretty impressive for their first European competition.

Donner is spending the next few weeks hacking out before getting back to work (he isn't such a fan of vacations!). Lynn said this year was unforgettable and she can't wait to see what 2014 brings. She greatly appreciates all the support she has received!

Lynn and Donner's Dressage can be viewed here:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvkZpRW-8Ro>

**Some more 2013 achievements and congratulations for our sponsored riders:**

**Chad Crider** was just named the "AQHA World Show Senior Barrel Horse World Champion," riding Bars Sweet Legacy, owned by Johnna Dobbs.

Visit Chad's website: <http://criderbarrelhorses.com/> - See more at:  
<http://www.triplecrownfeed.com/rider-testimonials/chad-crider/#sthash.p1JiFikb.dpuf>

**Tyra Vernon**, riding Waling M, ended up 9th in the I1 Championship at the USDF Dressage Nationals held in Kentucky earlier this month.