

## **INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE - 2019 AWH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CLASSIFICATION TOUR - MARILYN POWELL (CANADA)**

Marilyn Powell has had a lifelong love of the horse and sport in general. Marilyn has been an active dressage and hunter competitor, with a love of eventing; a certified coach and trainer; a recognized breeder of sport horses and senior inspector for Canadian Warmbloods.

Marilyn has been a National Director for the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association for many years and is Past President of the British Columbia Chapter, a position she held for 7 years. Currently, Marilyn sits as an elected member on the Stud Book Committee for the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association. She is regularly part of the annual National Tour for stallions, and in 2012 was manager of the Stallion performance Test in British Columbia. In 2017 Marilyn was part of the national commission that travelled across Canada inspecting stallions in each province and finished with their Stallion performance Test. In addition to registry commitments, Marilyn has been a judge of dressage, jumper and hack competitions.

Apart from administrative duties of the Stud Book Committee, Marilyn remains active in the association liaising with the Canadian government on pedigree requirements for Warmblood horses in Canada having just completed a lengthy retrospective study of the foundation animals of the Canadian Warmblood in July 2018.

Marilyn is also a Registered Physical Therapist and practiced primarily in private practice focusing on orthopedics and sports medicine over her 40+ years in practice. With her strong interest in sports, she volunteered with several sporting teams as a Physiotherapist. Marilyn is an active sports coach, certified with the Canadian Coaching Association since 1982 coaching riders from entry level to recognized and national levels of competition, including to the FEI Young Rider levels in dressage, jumpers and eventing. Marilyn is also a certified CanTRA Instructor in the practice of Hippotherapy since 1989. Using her strong background in sports medicine and Physical Therapy, Marilyn has worked with numerous riders competing at the upper and International levels of dressage and/or eventing to further their sport goals.

Initially Marilyn began breeding horses under the Canadian Sport Horse Association (CSH) and Westfalen Verband primarily for personal mounts. With a business partner, she established her [Mirrabook Farms Sport Horses](#) using strong eventing bloodlines, primarily mares retired from Advanced level competition that had good movement and jump. The farm was recognized as a prominent breeder of sport horses and warmbloods and many times leading breeder of CSH in British Columbia with the progeny of their imported sport Thoroughbred stallion Martin's Worry and the homebred approved Warmblood stallion, Gelan by the imported Hanoverian jumper stallion Glencoe out of a crossbred Advanced 3Day mare that was Marilyn's primary competition horse.

When the Canadian Warmblood Horse Breeders Association formed, there was a natural transition to a Canadian registry that incorporated the Warmblood horses that the farm was already using in their program. They achieved early success with a son of their warmblood approved Foundation TB stallion out of an imported Dutch mare. Kingston (Martin's Worry xx / Naturel / Kristal) went on to becoming Licensing Champion and later Reserve Champion of the CWHBA's inaugural 30 day Stallion Performance Test, indexing equally in dressage and jumper. Kingston actively competed in the Dressage, Jumper and Eventing fields with many successes to his credit. In turn, Kingston sired an approved son, Kenner (Kingston / Octrooi / Lotto), who absolved his Stallion Performance Test with excellent comments from the invited foreign inspectors and went on to compete successfully in the jumper ring.

Over the past three decades, the farm has stood many stallions including several homebred horses that went on to recognition in sport and breeding careers. The farm also stood the imported Westfalen stallions Artenstolz (Artwig / Wohlklang / Kurator II) and Tramino (Traumprinz / Golan / Garamond), both of which competed to the FEI levels in dressage with Artenstolz being long listed for the Canadian Team; and Dutch stallion Formaats (Widor / Pion / Maykel), primarily of dressage breeding. Marilyn managed the stallions and supervised their competition & breeding season during the year. Now with the partners in semi-retirement, the farm no longer stands their own stallions and uses both domestic and foreign frozen semen stallions, still with a strong emphasis on Dutch and German pedigree and a healthy dose of Thoroughbred.

Currently, Marilyn lives on a large acreage in the interior of British Columbia, on beautiful high range land, raising and training Canadian Warmblood horses for sport.

