

## Syndicate Managers

Judy Wardrope has spent nearly 30 years amassing research on the pedigrees of top performance horses in both sport and racing as well as analyzing the functional aspects of equine conformation. She applied the findings from her research to her own sport horse breeding program, producing champions in Dressage and the Hunter rings as well as winners in Show Jumping and Eventing.

Today, this world-renowned equine expert is a sought-after speaker at equine symposiums and as a consultant to breeding programs throughout the world. She conducts clinics in both Functional Conformation and Pedigree Analysis, has authored e-books, and has had a decades-long career as an equine journalist writing for many prestigious horse magazines world-wide.

Cathy Chalack has spent a lifetime in the horse world. Her family bred Thoroughbreds for both racing and sport for 20 years. Today, she and her husband operate Ultra Farms Equine and Livestock in Alberta where they breed Sport Ponies from carefully selected Welsh, Connemara, and smaller Warmblood Thoroughbred Crosses. As specialists, their program has produced national champions in several categories.

Cathy is the lead instructor for the English Horsemanship Diploma program at Olds College in Alberta. In that capacity and as a course developer and facilitator for Equine Canada coaching programs, she develops and delivers course content covering all aspects of horsemanship with a focus on form and function in conformation and breeding considerations for sport horses.

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# IST Syndicates



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# An Overview

**If Thoroughbred horses carrying the bloodlines and the conformation required for the FEI disciplines are not identified, purchased and put into a directed breeding plan, they may be lost.**

Sport and Warmblood registries around the world continue to actively seek infusions of a specific type of Thoroughbred. We intend to meet this demand in the market. Do you want to be a part of it?

The racing industry, the previous source for these sport Thoroughbreds, is seldom producing the right type for sport.

Jockey Club statistics show that the average number of lifetime starts per horse has decreased which indicates a decline in both soundness and longevity. However, the sport market seeks to avoid inherent unsoundness.

Furthermore, races have decreased in distance. The number of races exceeding 12 furlongs represents less than 1% of the total races in North America. Those seeking to introduce Thoroughbred genes to produce horses for Jumping or Eventing require distance capabilities. From a functional conformation perspective, certain skeletal characteristics of a distance racehorse equate with those needed for scope over fences.

Sadly, as the trend to shorter races continues, the ability to find distance pedigrees that are undiluted by sprinting influences will be further restricted.

It was only 20 or 30 years ago that a purebred Thoroughbred was commonplace at the Olympics. While the sports have changed slightly, experts in breeding and in competition agree that there needs to be a continuous infusion of Thoroughbred blood in competition horses at this level. Unfortunately, the main source for that blood is no longer providing what is needed.

**The goal is to reproduce or improve upon the athletic prowess of the mare and the stallion.**

The primary focus of the syndicate is the breeding and promotion of the 'right type' of Thoroughbred horse for equestrian sport based on pedigree and the functional anatomy required for the sport disciplines. Strict selection procedures, overseen by the expert managers, will be used to cement the qualities in demand from sport and warmblood registries internationally.

Breeding stock will be scrutinized carefully and selected based on functional conformation and the genetic contribution that may be made to the progeny.

This is an opportunity for visionary people to invest in a long-range development program for breeding stock and competitive sport horses carrying high degrees of Thoroughbred ancestry. The pooling of resources will speed the process and aid in obtaining suitable breeding stock for the syndicate and future breed registry.

Future plans include creating a new breed registry for these Thoroughbred horses and the Canadian Department of Agriculture has been encouraging in that regard. This is a ground breaking project that is open to people of vision.

Under Jockey Club rules neither artificial insemination nor embryo transfers are allowed. Consequently the progeny of this breeding program would be ineligible to register as Thoroughbreds, even if both parents were registered with the Jockey Club. Since the goal is to produce athletic sport horses, the inability to register with the race governing body is irrelevant.

The syndicate has already selected and acquired suitable broodmares, one of which will also function as a competition horse. Breeding will be done by artificial insemination and embryo transfer, which allows a much broader selection of stallions while maximizing the mare's reproduction. Colts produced that are unsuitable for the breeding program will be gelded and sold, as will fillies that don't meet the highest standards.

Some competition riders have already inquired about the purchase of progeny!