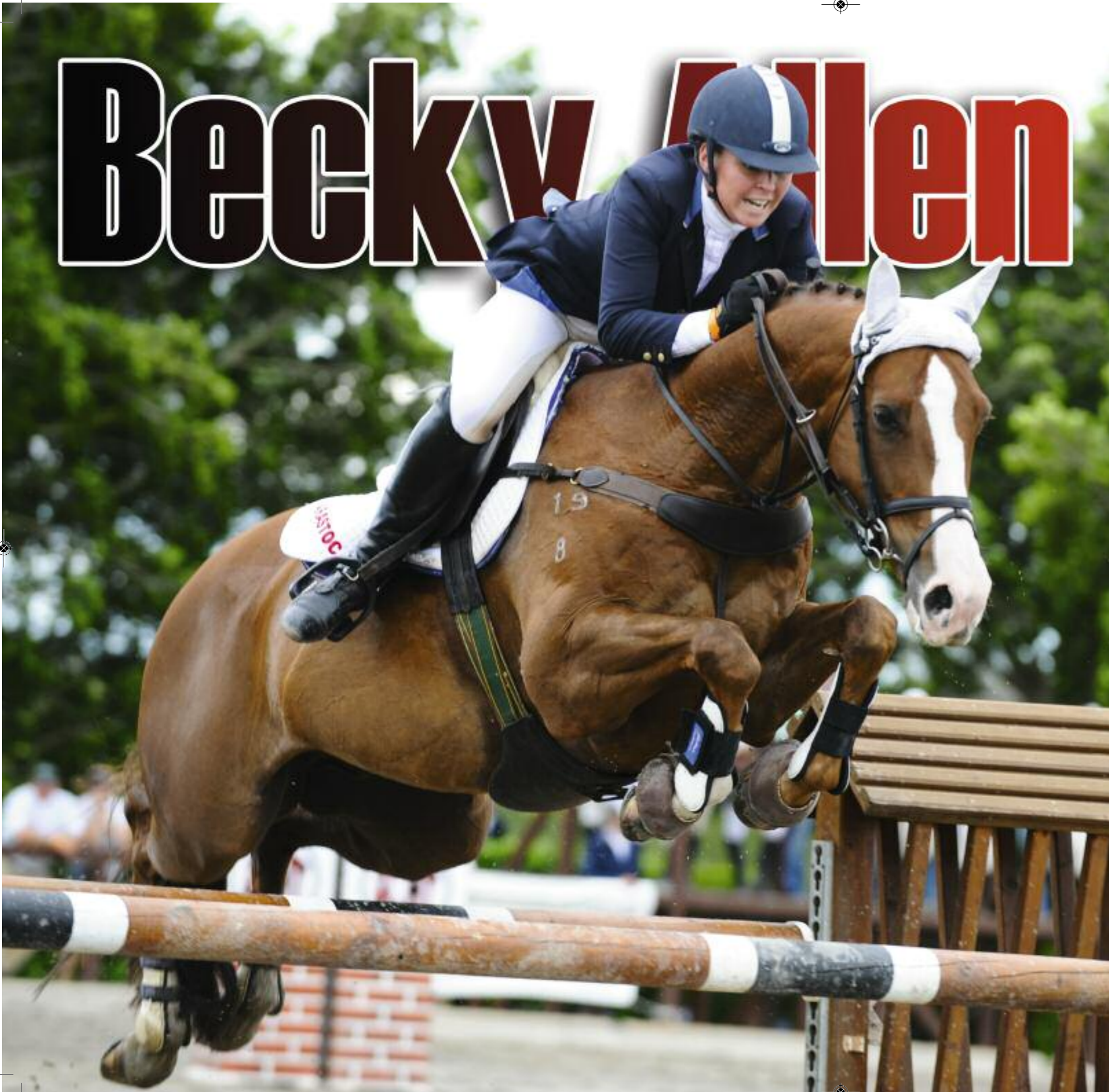


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This month's Equimec rider of the month is the showjumping star, Becky Allen winner of the ISS Grand Prix World Cup qualifier...

*That was a tough class to win?*

"It was a really tough class with some absolutely super horses that have been jumping really well. My horse has been sort of knocking on the door, and it was his day..."

*When you walked the course, what did you see as the problem spots?*

"After the water to the plank, making sure I had him back and had control. The triple bar to the orange combination proved to be very tough, I needed him there in a good balanced rhythm so that he could just jump the oxer in and just jump out. He was such a good boy, he is a trier."

*How long have you had Koyuna Ted?*

"I've had him for five years. A lady came for a lesson at our place, he was tied to her truck and I asked about him. She told me his breeding and said 'he's for sale'. I had a ride and instantly loved the horse and we went from there. I don't know why I was so attracted, he didn't look very athletic, he didn't look like a typical jumping type. I rode him and he was very green and inexperienced, but when I cantered to a fence and he left the ground, he gave me everything every time. He tries so hard. He loves to jump and loves to please you. Sometimes he gets a bit excited and gets a bit keen, but generally he's pretty good."

"This is his second World Cup season. We started in five qualifiers this year. We didn't travel around chasing them,

just picked the ones we wanted to start in. This year we look like having a big season. We'll head to New Zealand for the big show in Hastings. I went there two years ago and it was an amazing show, now I want to go back and try and win the big one."

*You're like your horse – purpose bred for showjumping?*

"They say I've got good bloodlines. Mum was a showjumper, Dad was a showjumper. Mum's family were all horsey – it was sort of destined to be. I wasn't ever going to play golf or tennis. When I was younger I wasn't overly keen on riding but as I've grown older, it's what makes me get out of bed in the morning and it's what drives me to keep going. We start at six, six thirty, do the boxes and feed, work horses, give lessons, work other people's horses to pay the bills, and we finish at about nine thirty, ten at night – go to bed and get up the next morning and do it all over again."

*Who have been the influences on your riding technique?*

"Early on, Mum and Dad. Some people say I have Dad's hunger to win, and Mum's finesse. Since then I've had so many influences from so many top riders. Jamie Coman is now my coach. We are so fortunate that he lives in Victoria now. He's just amazing how he can train and makes the horse go so much better, and I ride so much better."

*The aim is the WEG and Lexington?*

"Yes. Quite a few years ago I went to a clinic with Jamie when Ted was only a C-grader, and I said to Jamie, this horse I want to go on to the World Championships in Kentucky. I said it's a big call now, he's only C-grade, but I've got to have a big dream, and that's my big dream. Here we are two years out, and things are looking on the bright side..."



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