



# Ann's Resume

*"There has never been a day where I haven't been involved with horses - somehow. If I'm not working with them, I am at least thinking about them!.....P. Ann Turner"*

My riding career was well on its way by the time I was 10 years old, competing in flat classes and low jumpers. My first riding instructor had been a member of the Irish team both for show jumping and Eventing. Pamela Goodwin had moved to Jamaica with her husband to train the constabulary police force horses, and she taught the mounted police to ride. By the time I had moved from Jamaica to Ontario in 1978, I had acquired a solid background in a more European style dressage seat, by training with equestrians such as **Jack LeGoffe**, **Peggoty Henriques**, **Captain Mark Phillips**, **Jan Royce Conant** and Eventing with **Robin Hahn** just to name a few. When I wasn't riding, to further my knowledge of horsemanship, I would seek out work as a vet's assistant at various equine hospitals. My experience comes from all angles but my passion is rehabilitating the injured equine athlete and the recovery of "lost prospects".

I have put my passion to work!

## **1978 - 1982 Minesing, Ontario, Canada**

- Worked as a cowgirl, riding and breaking horses off the meat trucks. This opportunity availed me of several different breeds and many abuse cases. One of my first prospects was an Arab/Percheron mare that became National Champion Endurance Ride Horse for Canada in 1988.

## **1982 - 1992 Knockpatrick, Jamaica**

- Rode and retrained thoroughbred racehorses off the track. One of which, "Iron Bird", (a son of Secretariat), I took to Prix St. Georges in Dressage and Short listed for the Pan Am Games with him in 1990.
- Obtained corporate sponsorship and with the help of Robin Hahn, found the horse that would see me short-listed for the Pan Am games as an individual for my country (Jamaica).
- Coached one year with Jan Royce Conant - FEI judge and USET dressage coach.
- Coached one year with Livia Mann, member of the Belgian Dressage Team.

- Continued work rehabilitating race horses, and injuries specific to polo ponies. Bowed tendons, suspensory strains, hock strains and rear-end pulls became my constant student workload.
- 1987 founded, owned and operated Dalkeith Riding School in Knockpatrick, Jamaica with a 30-horse lesson string as well as operated largest tourist trail riding operation in Jamaica.
- Consultant to equestrian operations for Sandals, and Hedonism resort hotels in Negril, Jamaica where I was dispatched to the United States to purchase lesson horses for a start-up equestrian operation.
- Trained horses, taught all levels of riders, adults and children (two of which competed for Jamaica in the (Annette Lyn and Muna Heaven) Caribbean games in Puerto Rico and Columbia.
- Became certified Special Olympics Coach and as such brought two of my students to the Special Olympics in Minneapolis/St. Paul in 1990.
- With donated sand from a local gravel company, built a community riding arena together with Alpart Alumina partners where the average was 4 students per class, 3 times a day and 4 shows a year managing 9 horses and up to 20 kids.

### **1992 – 2006 Victoria, Langley, Abbotsford, B. C. Canada**

- Taught for 3 years at Bear Hill Riding School in Saanich near Victoria.
- Ran summer camps for students of all ages and abilities including mentally challenged teenagers.
- 1994 became certified as an equine massage therapist, graduating from the Equissage Equine Sports Massage Therapy course in the State of Virginia.
- Started building movement towards equine rehabilitation as tool for recovery by administering to clientele such as Leslie Reid and Mark, A-Circuit coach Bobbie Reber, and Marion O'Conner from Cocolalla Farms in Idaho. (see A Radical Recovery one of our archived online articles).
- Conceptualized, designed, and implemented first-ever, equine sports massage therapy and spa at Sumas Mountain, B.C.

### **1994 – present      Taught Lectures and gave many hands - on Workshops**

- Basic Introduction to Equine Massage Therapy
- The Young Horse Age 0 - 5 years, The Older Horse - Age 15 and over
- The Problem Horse, Basic Introduction to Chinese Medicine
- Taught classes at Kwantlen college and UCFV
- Travelled to Powell River and Port McNeill to give seminars
- In 1997 became a contributor to Horse Action Magazine, and have continued to have my articles published in magazines like the Chronicle of the Horse, Holistic Horse, and the B.C Horseman's Guide.
- Presenter at the Mane Event in Chilliwack on more than one occasion.

- 2012 – was a main presenter at the CHA International conference, hosted at Kentucky Horse Park, USA.

### **2001 to 2011 Wits End Farms Equine Rehab Center**

In May of 2001 my husband and I purchased a 6 acre farm in Abbotsford, B.C. where we designed and built the barn, paddocks, ring etc., to accommodate our therapeutic rehabilitation centre. Together we operated a practice doing Structural Alignment, Massage Therapy, herbs, homeopathy and a variety of treatments in our holistic practice.

### **EDUCATION & ASSOCIATIONS**

- Completed Grade 13
- Alpha Commercial College - Basic Secretarial and Business course (one year)
- Blue Ribbon One and Two - Sales and Marketing - Braemar Ladies Fashions
- Basic Computer course - Camosun college, Victoria, B.C.
- Basic First Aid - Camosun College, Victoria, B.C.
- Medical Terminology - Camosun College, Victoria, B.C.
- Equissage Equine Sports Massage Course - Virginia USA – 1994.
- First Aid and First Responder for Horses - Kwantlen college – Langley – 1998.
- Co-contributor author of Alternative Animal Health in B.C. published in 2004.
- Member of the International Association of Equine Practitioners.
- Business member of Horse Council B.C.
- CHA level 2 coach English - 2007
- Completed 8 years of Classical Instructor training with Craig Stevens at Northern School of Academic Equitation.
- St. John's Ambulance – 2015
- Currently writing 2 more books – the Manual of Enlightened Horsemanship and Riding from the Seat of your Soul.
- Ride Magazine published “The Seat of Your Soul” chapter by chapter in its online issues.
- Currently riding with Veli Levaaho and training and teaching out of Hoof N Rail Stables in Chilliwack, BC.

### **REFERENCES;**

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