

**CAPTAIN MARK PHILLIPS CELEBRATION WAS A SUCCESS:**



On Friday of Oktoberfest, the eve of the FEI Divisions cross country, there was a celebration for Captain Mark Phillips and his commitment to Stable View over the years.

Barry Olliff started the celebration. He began his speech thanking Mark for everything he has done. He said, "The improvements that have been made over the years have really been to a great extent down to feedback from riders and feedback from Mark."

He continued on to say, "I think there are a lot of people here who have a debt of gratitude towards Mark. I think there are some top riders who have learned stuff from him. There are probably a lot of younger riders who have read about stuff that Mark has done.

We would just like to say thank you for the last ten years. It's been ten years, almost to the day since we've put on our first event and Mark's been with us for those ten years." Then Barry presented Mark with a template of the sign for the Main Outdoor Arena which will now be called the Mark Phillips Arena. He was also presented with a special plaque and bowl.

Mark then gave a thank you speech after some encouragement from the crowd. He said, "I saw Phillip Dutton just now, and I said, 'You know how this feels like.' Just down the field, at Bruce's Field, he's got a stable named after him, and I've got an arena named after me." He finished his speech by saying, "Phillip's heart and my heart are both in the same place and that's to give to the sport."

To that attendees raised their glasses of cider and cheered for the British Course Designer.