



STABLE VIEW SPOTLIGHT: GROUND CREW MANAGEMENT TEAM - JOSH ELLIS, NORM GRAICHEN, AND JEFF BROWN:



Left to Right: Jeff, Norm, Josh

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Those who have visited Stable View have probably taken note of the immaculate grounds, well-groomed arenas, and well-functioning machinery. These are all thanks to the Stable View Grounds Crew. This month's Stable View Spotlight focuses on the Ground's Crew Management Team.

Jeff has been working at Stable View for a little over six months. He is in charge of the setting up and take down for shows. He works with a team of about a half a dozen colleagues and tries to keep them motivated. Jeff brings out coolers, tables, chairs, and tents. He makes sure electronics are set up and arenas are clean. He deals with shavings orders and stalls. He also works with the fixed assets on the cross country course like the bank and alp complexes. He also does various other jobs.

Josh works with the maintenance and repairs of the forty-plus pieces of equipment that Stable View owns. Josh has been working at Stable View for almost two years. He makes sure everything is working and finds defects. While those are his primary jobs he is a jack of all trades. He helps with air conditioning, hot water systems, repairing blinds, repairing paddocks, plumbing tasks, and the list goes on.

Meanwhile, Norm has been at Stable View for almost a year. Just like Jeff and Josh, he wears many hats. He maintains the pipelines and looks after the Boyd Martin schooling field. He is in charge of maintaining the arenas with watering, dragging, and mowing. Norm also helps a lot with the grass and making sure it is properly federalized, watered, seeded, and cut.

The three of them were asked their favorite part of their job and Stable View. Jeff answered first, "My favorite part is coming in and seeing our competitors come out and give us compliments on how the grass looks, how nice we are, and how well we take care of the grounds. It helps to motivate you to keep doing it." Jeff would also like everyone to know he is the Stable View Ice Bath Champion. During some friendly staff competition, Jeff managed to stay in the ice for a little over thirty minutes. Josh shared, "When I first came we barely had anything equipment-wise and my favorite thing is how much it has grown and changed in the time I have been here. It's only been going uphill. Easy is good sometimes but when you have a place like this you don't want easy." Norm then shared, "I like working outside in this kind of environment. I have six horses at home and have been working with them for a while. Days like this when the weather is really nice, it is nice to be outside. My favorite part is getting ready for a show. Everyone is doing their things and making sure everything is set up. We have our (ground crew) meetings on Mondays and it is nice to hear your efforts have been noticed."