



## **REASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OKTOBERFEST ADULT TEAM CHALLENGE:**



**Left to Right: Jane Jennings, Mary Guynn, Summer Cogan, and Stephanie Caston**

**It seems like it was just yesterday it was the beginning of Summer. Now Oktoberfest is open for entries. Oktoberfest is the last weekend of September and with levels from Beginner Novice through Four-Star there is something for everyone.**

**In addition to competing in your normal division, there will be an Adult Team Challenge. Gather your friends, your barn mates, or make a scramble team and compete for ribbons and prizes. A**

**team can be made up of three or four members. Three scores will count for the team's final score. Teams can be comprised of riders from any level (ex. riders can all be at the same level or a variety of levels). There will be ribbons and prizes through third place.**

**We caught up with a few riders who have participated in our team challenges this year. Jenna McPeek, Alumni Cup Participant, pointed out how these challenges can bring together people of all ages. She shared, "Those who dedicate themselves to horsemanship in college should be celebrated for their hard work, in and outside the classroom. The alumni cup is a wonderful way to bring together different generations of eventers who have this common experience!"**

**Stephanie Caston also competed on an Alumni Cup team. She said, "The adult team challenge was a fantastic event and a great way to keep each other motivated. It added more camaraderie and joy to a sport that we already love. I had as much fun cheering on my teammates as I did riding my own horse."**

**Stephanie's teammate, Jane Jennings, shared, "As an adult competitor, I am always competing as an individual - just me and my horse(s). The Adult Team Challenge offered by Stable View added an extra level of camaraderie. It was a great reminder of how fun teamwork can be, working together for a common goal. Riding on a team made the Event even more enjoyable and I can't wait to do it again."**

**Mary Guynn, also a member of Stephanie and Jane's team, said, "As a newly minted eventer (literally neither my horse nor I had seen a dressage arena nor a cross country course one month prior), I**

**couldn't have started - let alone finished- without the help of my teammates. From teaching my horse to go through water, to tirelessly going over the finer points of dressage, to outfitting me for all phases, I'm immensely grateful for their support. Having them all cheering me on at the end of cross country was priceless and I cannot wait to do it again."**

**Don't miss out on the fun that Jenna, Stephanie, Jane, and Mary had. Email your team members and team names to [emma@stableviewfarm.com](mailto:emma@stableviewfarm.com) no later than September 16th.**