



STABLE VIEW

"A GATHERING PLACE"
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

3 BAYS AND A GRAY WIN ADULT TEAM CHALLENGE:



Oktoberfest marked the second Adult Team Challenge at Stable View. Following some suggestions following the Alumni Cup in May, the Stable View Adult Team Challenge was born at the June Horse Trials. Oktoberfest initially saw fourteen teams sign up who were ready to bring home the blue ribbons. Diane Bird, Stable View's Cross Country Jump Decorator, decorated one fence for each team. This included their team name and list of team members as well as their team logo and colors if they were provided.

At the end of the weekend 3 Bays and A Gray were ultimately the winners to finish on a team score of 92.302. The team was comprised of Melissa Nice riding Op Ed and Smokin Meers, Beth Wheeler riding Pippin, and Katherine Van Alstyne riding Fun and Games.

Melissa took some time to share her experience of competing on the team. She shared, "3 Bays and A Gray is a team of three ladies on four wonderful thoroughbred geldings ranging in age from six to eighteen. We had four levels represented on our team. We just love that the Stable View team challenge is the perfect opportunity to have amateurs and professionals from different divisions join together for some competitive fun!"

She shared that herself and Katie have been friends for years. They originally met when they both lived and competed in Area 7. About eighteen months ago Melissa made the move to Aiken; Katie quickly followed and moved to Aiken this Summer. Since moving to Aiken, Melissa has been riding with Beth and Ray Wheeler at Wheeler Equestrian. She said she, "Values them not only as amazing coaches but also good friends so it was really fun to join these ladies for the team challenge."

In regards to making the show happen Melissa said, "It was no small feat for Stable View to pull off this competition after the destruction of Hurricane Helene moved through Aiken the night before the show was scheduled to begin. We are so thankful for all the officials, volunteers, and crews that made this event happen!" Stable View hopes that 3 Bays and a Gray will give it another go at the win at the next Adult Team Challenge at the January Aiken Opener Horse Trials.