



RIDER SPOTLIGHT: EMILY PFITZNER



Emily Pfitzner is twelve years old and recently competed at the TIP Championships. She began riding when she was seven with her trainer, Rebecca Fulton of Royally Fierce Equestrian. She shared, "I originally started riding ponies in hunters and equitation, but I finally got too tall, so I just started riding horses this year. I started showing in jumper classes for the first time this year too. I've mostly been showing in the low children's hunters and hope to move up to the children's hunters next year. I also ride for my trainer's IEA team."

While Emily has been showing for years, this was her first time competing at the TIP Championships. Her normal mount is a 17.1-hand warmblood named Kitty. For this show she rode two of her trainer's thoroughbreds, You're Darn Tootin', aka Toots, in the 2'6" jumpers, and On Tap, aka Bravo, in the 2' and 2'3" hunters. She said, "Toots is twenty-four years old, and my trainer rescued him. It turns out he loves to jump. You would never guess he is twenty-four! Bravo is only seven and green, and he's only been to a couple of shows. He can be a bit spicy sometimes, but I like the challenge. It was actually my first time showing him, and he was such a good boy. We had an amazing time and can't wait for next year."

In addition to her hunter/jumper classes, she also competed in the first TIP Hobby Horse Competition. It was a tough track designed by Stable View's Barry Olliff full of tight turns, two liver pools, an optional corner, and a mix of real stadium jumps and hobby horse jumps. Emily was the winner of this inaugural competition. When asked about it she said, "I couldn't believe I won the Hobby Horse competition! I sprained my ankle badly the week before running track at PE, so I wasn't as fast as I usually am. I've never run or jumped on a hobby horse before either, so that was a bit of a challenge too. It was so much fun and I hope they have it again next year."

When asked about her experience with Stable View she shared, "Some things I loved about Stable View are the arenas and footing. The horses seemed to really enjoy the space. I loved that they got their own paddock, and the view was pretty too. This was one of my favorite shows. We can't wait to come back."

Besides riding horses Emily plays club soccer on two different teams. She also holds the role of team captain. She is very involved

in her middle school as she is is on track and cross country teams, is a member of student government, and is on honor roll.

Emily shared, "I just wanted to thank my trainer, Rebecca Fulton, for giving me the opportunity to come to TIP to show her horses." Stable View looks forward to having Rebecca and Emily back.