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July 1, 2007 celebrations were held at Thunderbird Show J Park, 72nd Avenue & 248th Street in Langley. The invitation sent out to the Jaguar Club members read as follows:  
(thanks to **Jennifer Drum** for e-mailing everyone)

***Jaguar Richmond/Land Rover of Richmond cordially invites you to attend A Canada Day Celebration featuring The Jaguar/Land Rover of Richmond BC Grand Prix Equestrian Show Jumping Event with refreshments & hors d'oeuvres served under an exclusive ring-side marquee.***

The weather was absolutely perfect all day in spite of the conflicting reports from the weather gurus and the food and drinks offered were a very welcome addition to a perfect day. Opening ceremonies started at 1:30 pm on the dot with the show jumping competition beginning 2 pm and ending just after 4 pm. The horses were magnificent as were their capable riders from the West Coast Thunder Equestrian Drill Team.

On rather short notice we were able to muster a dozen and their owners to park on the grass overlooking show ring itself. Parked were E-Types, XJSs, XJ Sedans 340, and X-Type among others.

In short, a great display horsepower just waiting to be unbridled. Thanks to all Jaguar Club members who attended this fine day! Last but not least, a big big thank you to **Mr. John Roescher, General Manager of Cowell Imports Inc. in Richmond** and his very capable crew, who did an excellent job of putting on a first class event and for inviting us to attend and, at the same time, raise some financial support for Alzheimer Society; a worthy cause indeed.

Finally, if we are invited back again next year, make a note of it and BE THERE! You don't want to miss this event. Just ask anyone who was there. *Barry Mason*

It was Barry Mason, who alerted us to come and attend at the Thunderbird Show Park on Sunday, July 1, 2007. This very large and spacious Equestrian Centre is located at the corner of 72nd Avenue and 248th Street and, since we live just 5 minutes from there, Roy and I decided to attend and we brought our friend, Sandy, along.

What a surprise it was. From one horsepower to another... this is a most elegant event to attend. It was by special invitation only and about 350 people attended. The large marquis with beautiful round tables and decorated chairs looked inviting and very much befitting the occasion, which was the BC Grand Prix Equestrian Show Jumping Event. We have always wanted to attend a Canadian 'Ascot' event and the setting was stunning. Chairs were set out in three rows, all facing the show jumping arena and we were given the competition list and order of go of 15 magnificent horses and their very capable riders. It was a grand sight.

Before the competition started, we had a chance to buy a \$50.00 ticket on the 'winning horse' and a chance at a share of the winning from all tickets bought. The four of us, Barry, Roy, Sandy and I decided that we would each buy a ticket on our winner and, if one of us wins, we would share the prize. The chance was 4 in 15, so much better than a 6-49 ticket!

We all had our favorites: one for the name: the other for a memory: the next for a horse from 'back home' in Germany and Barry, because three of us will be attending next week's Moody Blues concert, immediately and without doubt opted to find his winner in horse number **219 "Mundy Blues"** with its rider/owner Kelly Hirsch. It was the last horse on the competition list.

Roy and I had never attended an equestrian show jumping contest, so we were all excited, wine glass in-hand and having feasted on wonderful chicken sate, vegetables, rounds of toast with mushrooms, little cakes and so much more, we stood in awe. The skies were blue and our cars, on the other side of the marquis, had a first class seat as well and looked great. A true double-horsepower event! Before the competition started we listened to the opening ceremony of the American and Canadian National Anthem being sung by a young man. It was very festive and we were all ready to be witness to this event. The horses had to jump over many obstacles with a short set of three, one after the other, right in front of us. We literally could hear horses huff and puff and the riders shout and encourage them.

A very graceful sport indeed. Out of the 15 initial horses, 5 came through without a fault and went into the second round. One horse was my beauty, a grey mare from Germany, and the other, Barry's Mundy Blues

We now had two chances at the pot! In the end, you guessed it, Barry's horse won! Shouts, laughter and congratulations came from all directions. All we have to do now is wait for our cheque and then divide it in four. This will be my job. The event closed at 4pm, just as mentioned on the invitation. Many thanks go to **Jaguar Richmond/Land Rover of Richmond, especially John Roescher, the General Manager:** to the caterers who did an excellent job and to the **Tidball family**, who opened up their equestrian centre for us and welcomed and treated us like royalty.

It was truly an 'Ascot' event in Langley. Next year, if asked, we will attend again and this time wear our Ascot hats and outfits!

Thank you for mentioning it to us, Barry but then, You also won in the end! Nice to be friends with a winner!

By *Arsula Gdenburg*