

Welcome to Morven Park Spring Horse Trials!

There is surely no better way to kick off our annual equestrian show calendar than with the Morven Park Spring Horse Trials! We've been looking forward to getting the season underway and sharing our spectacular new facilities with you.

This is the very first competition that will take place in our recently-completed outdoor riding arenas. The expansive facilities feature top-quality EuroTex Blend footing from Attwood



Equestrian Surfaces, which you and your horses are sure to enjoy. While you are here, take in the view from the berm, where you will be able to see the three rings that make up Phase I of our Equestrian Center renovation. This strategic location will also provide great views of all three stages of the Horse Trials competition.

In addition to the wonderful new arenas, the Morven Park team, in conjunction with course designer Tremaine Cooper, have been busy building and staining new jumps, clearing brush for better viewing, and freshening up the cross-country course.

What's next? We have our sights set on bringing Point-to-Point racing back to Morven Park! As warmer weather approaches, we will continue grading, seeding, and prepping our legendary steeplechase course. We want to ensure that the terrain is solid and ready for galloping horses before



hosting racing once again. We hope that Point-to-Point racing at Morven Park will serve as an opportunity to introduce equestrian sport to new audiences, as our Arena Polo series did last summer.

Speaking of polo, our second season of *Polo in the Park* begins June 30 and runs through August 18. Our inaugural season was a great success, with over 7,000 spectators in attendance. Mark your calendars and join the fun in 2018!

In addition to Morven Park's Carriage Driving event in June and our Fall Horse Trials and CIC1*, 2*, 3*, our Equestrian Manager, Laura Doyle, is working on adding some exciting new events to the calendar, so stay tuned! We're also very pleased to host VADA/Nova, CDCTA, and PVDA dressage shows, the Middleburg Classic AA-rated hunter show, and several other captivating events at the Morven Park International Equestrian Center this year.

As you can see, Morven Park continues to attract the best across all equestrian disciplines, from Pony Club to Olympic training, with 60 days of varied competitions each year. Future Equestrian Center upgrades include a new multi-purpose indoor stadium complex, new stabling, and enhanced spectator amenities. However, we cannot bring these upgrades to fruition without strong support from the equestrian community. There is much work to be done, and we can't do it without your help. Please take a moment today to donate and support this stunning venue you have come to love and appreciate. **To show your support for Morven Park's International Equestrian Center, visit www.MorvenPark.org/SupportMPIEC or become an Equestrian Patron Member at www.MorvenPark.org/Patron.**

Morven Park means many things to many people. From equestrian events and athletic tournaments to educational and preservation programs, our 1,000-acre nonprofit park offers a unique setting to provide a wide array of services and benefits to our local community and visitors from around the world. Morven Park is a beloved asset I hope you will support generously. Let's work together to ensure that the Park is here for the next generation of Horse Trials competitors.

Have a great ride.



Sheryl Williams
Executive Director / CEO



P.S. – Be sure to thank as many volunteers as you can this weekend. Without them, this wonderful sport we all love would be impossible.