

# INGMARA WHEELER

## Best Kept Secret Poster Boy

Ingmara lives, with her horses, on her family's property, Willowhill, near Mactaquac, NB. The 15-year-old goes to Fredericton High School.

### It's official..

"I was introduced to horses because my older sister was taking lessons at the Fredericton Pony Club when it was housed in Odell Park. I was five years old when I first sat on a horse."

### Personally speaking..

"I train with Valerie Phelan for jumping and Michelle DeGare for dressage.

"In addition to my competitive horses, we have five other horses on the property.

"On average I train Secret and Tex about 40 minutes each per day, five days a week. On week-ends I do one or two lessons with each pony and attend both jumping and dressage clinics during the spring and summer."

### Accomplishments & Goals

Best competitive accomplishments so far? Successfully competing with Texas at the Blaineville International Dressage Show in Quebec (2010).

Best non-competitive accomplishments? A two-day, 50-mile, endurance ride with Secret in PEI.

Short-term goals? "I'm working toward training Tex in Level 3 Dressage and introducing Secret to Eventing."

Long-term goals? "I plan to attend university to study business and continue riding, competing and possibly teaching riding."

### Obstacles, Heros and Future Plans

"Terry Fox is my hero because he never gave up.

"I plan to show Texas at Second Level and FEI Pony in the 2011 Canadian Eastern Regional Dressage Championships in Milton, ON (Sept.). Also, I'd like to show Secret in Hunter/Jumper classes at the Gingerwood show in PEI.

### Quotable notes...

"I spend at least two hours a day working at the barn, and sometimes all day on the week-ends.

"Training Secret in dressage has really improved her jumping performance.



Up and over!

Geary Hill Challenge, May 2011

### Factoids

- Current horses - Best Kept Secret (Secret - Welsh/QH jumper pony) and Poster Boy (Texas - American Bashkir Curly dressage pony)
- Greatest joy - performing Freestyles and galloping in fields

### More...

- Competitive discipline - Hunter/Jumper / Dressage with Secret; 2nd Level Dressage and FEI Pony with Tex
- Previous horses - Arthur (Welsh pony) and I rode Valerie Phelan's jumper pony, Star

### And More...

- Hobbies / interests - Singing, reading, skiing, and playing tennis
- Favourite book - 'Harry Potter Series' by J. K. Rowling
- Favourite music - pop/rock - Rihanna, Maroon 5, Eminem