

# REBA STEWART

## When in Rome

From Black's Harbour, NB, 19-year-old Reba is a full time student at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, working toward a BSc. in biochemistry. In her 'spare' time she does a little coaching and training with other aspiring eventers.

### It's official..

"My mother has had horses for 40 years with such fantastic experiences as the AQHA Congress, Maritime Rodeo and Quarterama. I barrel raced myself for years until I had a sudden (and shocking!) change of heart at the age of 11 that I wanted to Event instead. My first eventing horse was my mother's very athletic and versatile barrel champion, a dun QH mare."

### Personally speaking..

"Because I've moved around a lot to compete I haven't had one consistent coach. This summer I'm staying in NB so I hope to work more with Erin MacQuarrie (dressage) and Deanna Phelan (jumper). In the past I worked with Doris Ward and Jacqueline White in Saint John, Lori Leach in Harvey and Yves Landry in Napierville."

### Accomplishments & Goals

Best competitive accomplishments so far? 1st place in Open Preliminary at Harmony Horse Trials in Quebec. "The event was a personal

best - our best dressage test placed us first, the only double clear cross country (of the day), and an improved stadium performance left us in first place by over 30 penalty points."

Best non-competitive accomplishments? "Water jumps have not been kind to me over the years and so schooling the intermediate-level water complex in Quebec was a big day for me. I've never been so proud of my boy."

Short-term goals? "Right now I'm focused on fitness for myself and my horse for the show season. (I want to) improve our show jumping, which will largely involve Ms. Phelan at the 1.20m level. I'd also like to work on our pace at the Preliminary level. We moved up last season and now that we're solid at that level, I'd like to concentrate on what's happening between the fences and cross the finish line a little quicker in preparation for the move up to Intermediate level."

Long-term goals? "I am tentatively planning a 1\* to finish the 2011 season which will bridge the gap between where we are now (Preliminary) and where we'd like to be at this point next year (Intermediate). These are all the steps I hope will take us to representing NB in the 2\* division at the North American Junior/ Young Rider Championships in 2013."



Up and over!

Tandalee Farms Horse Trials in West Bolton, PQ

### Obstacles, Heros and Future Plans

"Eventing in the Maritimes is an ongoing struggle (lack of available competitions/ resources/costs & time to compete outside the area) and balancing my work and school with riding.

"I rode a lot of difficult horses when I was younger and it took a long time to get back my confidence. I am forever in debt to Kevin Crosby (NS) for playing matchmaker for Simon and I, and to Yves Landry (PQ) for pushing us to levels I had not thought possible.

"Simon is special: he is my horse of a lifetime and has made me the rider I am today."

### Quotable notes...

"My sights are set on the NAJYRC in 2013!"

### Factoids

- Current horses - When In Rome (Simon)
- Greatest joy - early morning gallops
- Secret indulgence - horseloverz.com

### More...

- Competitive discipline - Eventing
- Previous horses - Some Kind of Wonderful, Mighty Impressive Dun, and countless babies and clients from Quebec.

### And More...

- Hobbies / interests - hockey, soccer, volleyball, university life
- Favourite book - 'Life in the Galloping Lane' by the O'Connors - a MUST READ!
- Favourite music - country