

Eventing partnership made in cyberspace

Last August, Cyndi DeBracy read a thread on The Chronicle of the Horse Bulletin Board started by Denny Emerson. The thread was about Christan Trainor and the part she had played in making Theodore O'Connor into an international caliber eventing pony. DeBracy had never heard of Trainor but felt if "THE" Denny Emerson thought that highly of her then she was someone DeBracy should know.

She had a good reason...she had been looking for an upper level rider to compete her and her husband's 8 y.o. Black Thoroughbred Stallion, Sea Accounts. He had started eventing with Clark Montgomery moving from Novice to Preliminary in eight months. But then Montgomery returned to Virginia to once again work with O'Connors and the DeBracy's were left without a rider.

"I couldn't blame Clark. It was a great opportunity for him, but we couldn't afford to send Sea Accounts to Clark full-time and he wasn't going to reach his potential just competing a few months out of the year," said DeBracy.

So, DeBracy sent a message to Trainor introducing herself and saying she'd like to talk to her about an opportunity.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Trainor flew to North Texas where the DeBracys live and rode Sea Accounts for a weekend. They seemed to bond immediately.

Sea Accounts moved to Siler City, North Carolina the end of September and he and Trainor made their debut ten days later, winning the NCDCTA Horse Trials at Open Training. Three weeks later, they had a top five finish at Virginia Horse Trials.

They will be competing at Preliminary in the spring with sights set on the long format CCI* at Virginia in May.

"I've competed other stallions, but Cyriz (Sea Account's barn name) is really special. He's the nicest horse I've ever sat on and the



Christan Trainor and Sea Accounts at NCDCTA Fall Horse Trials

sweetest. I think he's going to make it to the top of the sport!" says Trainor about her new partner. DeBracy added, "We're really excited about seeing what Cyriz and Christan can do in the next few years."

Sea Accounts is also a breeding stallion and approved by RPSI (a German warmblood registry) with his oldest offspring turning four in 2008. For more information about him or his offspring, go to www.debracysporthorses.com For more information about Christan, go to www.trainoreventing.com.