

## Introducing the Bronte Beach Syndicate



### About the horse: Bronte Beach

Bronte Beach is a 2012 17-hand Zangersheide mare. Her sire is the impressive stallion Verdi, who has won numerous Grands Prix and been a stalwart member of the Dutch show jumping team at world championships and Olympic games. She was imported from London, England in December 2017 with little competition experience. In the past 2.5 years, she has grown from a green inexperienced horse to a serious competitor—in just a dozen events, she successfully advanced through the first five levels of eventing, going from Beginner Novice to Intermediate.

She has unbelievable paces and a powerful, scopey jump. Several top professionals have tried to buy her outright from me to add to their own barns. Two U.S. team riders believe that she has the talent for the five-star level. In a cross-country school earlier this year, U.S. Olympian Karen O'Connor remarked, "she looks like the real deal."

Bronte currently competes at the FEI CCI\*\*\* (three-star) level. The plan for 2021 is to introduce her to the national Advanced and FEI CCI\*\*\*\* (four-star) levels.

The ultimate goal is to compete Bronte at the five-star level. There are only six five-star events in the world, including Kentucky, Badminton, and Burghley. Good performances at these events provide pathways to the World Championships and the Olympics.



### **Bronte's 2020 Competition Highlights:**

1<sup>st</sup> VAHT CCI\*\*\*-L

1<sup>st</sup> Waredaca open intermediate

Top-20 (out of 60+ horses) Plantation Field CCI\*\*\*

Top-10 Virginia CCI\*\*\*

6<sup>th</sup> Maryland open intermediate

4<sup>th</sup> Maryland open preliminary

Clear rounds in 1.25m and 1.30m show jumping classes in Wellington and Venice, FL

### **Bronte's 2019 Competition Highlights:**

1<sup>st</sup> MCTA novice

1<sup>st</sup> MDHT training

4<sup>th</sup> Waredaca training

3<sup>rd</sup> Seneca training

2<sup>nd</sup> Blue Ridge open preliminary

4<sup>th</sup> Maryland open preliminary

1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Horse Trials preliminary

Top-20 (out of 75 horses) Ocala Jockey Club CCI\*\*

**3\* Cross Country Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5js3WDOSEbQ>

**2020 Spring Training and Competition video highlights:** <https://youtu.be/UVPzh4L9ceg>

## About the rider: Ema Klugman



I am a 22-year old young event rider with horses from Training level through Advanced that I have produced from the beginning of their eventing careers. In 2019, I twice received the Bromont Rising scholarship, which selected squads of young riders to compete at the Canadian Bromont CCI event and the U.S. Ocala Jockey Club event. At the Ocala Jockey Club, I recorded my best result at the four-star level, a third-place finish in the CCI\*\*\*\*-L division. That performance secured my place on the Australian High Performance NEXT squad, which identifies future riders for the Olympics and World Championships. The high performance staff have been integral to developing my path toward representing Australia on the world stage. Their support includes funding for training and lessons, seminars with Olympians, and one-on-one sessions with experts to identify ways to improve my performance, from technical aspects of riding to sports psychology and nutrition.

Through the United States Pony Club, I have achieved three A level ratings – traditional, showjumping and dressage – one of only two people in the U.S. who has attained this level of certification. My pony club experience has extended to the honor of representing the U.S. in the Inter Pacific Exchange in 2016 in Canada and 2019 in Hong Kong, as well as teaching young pony clubbers as far afield as Alaska and Hawaii.



*Emma competing at the four-star level.*

I was ranked second on the Young Advanced Adult Rider USEA leaderboard for 2018. I also compete in pure show jumping through the 1.40 meter level. I have worked as a rider in the barns of two U.S. team riders, developing young horses and riding horses at the top level, from novice to four-star. As I hope to do with Bronte, I produced my current four-star horse from novice level to the top level.

In addition to being a competitive event rider, I recently graduated from Duke University with a 3.9 GPA. I kept Bronte, together with Bendigo (my four-star horse) with me at college to continuing training and competition throughout the year on top of my rigorous academic schedule.

### **What is three-day eventing?**

Eventing is a thrilling equestrian sport that involves a rider working with a horse both on the flat and over fences. Over the centuries eventing has developed from the test of the ideal military charger into an exciting sport that attracts interest from all levels of sports enthusiasts, from weekend hobby riders to professional international stars.

Each of the three phases— dressage, cross-country, and show jumping— in different ways keep spectators on the edge of their seats with the mix of beauty, elegance, and pure power and synergies displayed by horse and rider.



*Bronte in show jumping*



*Bronte in the dressage phase.*

### **Dressage**

The purpose of the dressage test is to demonstrate a high level of rider-horse communication and the power and grace required to perform each movement with balance, rhythm, and suppleness.

### **Cross Country**

The cross-country course covers from 2.75 to 4 miles and includes 24-36 fixed and solid obstacles, ridden at a gallop. The upper level courses are always at the high end of the range. This phase requires horse and rider to be bold, smart, and quick-thinking while testing their physical stamina.

### **Show Jumping**

The show jumping course is a series of fences in an arena made of coloured poles and planks that are easily knocked down. This final phase tests the stamina and recovery of the horse after the endurance phase and reveals whether it is fit enough to jump well on the final day.



*Bronte on cross country.*



*Bronte on cross country.*

**About the syndicate:**

Become an Event horse owner at an affordable price!

Bronte Beach is currently valued at \$100,000.

*Initial buy-in cost:* \$5,000 per share (each person owns 5% of horse)

*Annual maintenance fee (per share):* \$1,000 per year (less than \$100 per month!)

The maintenance fee is tax-deductible through the American Horse Trials Foundation.

Any individual or group of individuals may purchase more than one share. *If the initial buy-in cost proves too large a financial barrier for interested parties, we can discuss a non-ownership option for supporters to cover only the maintenance fee without buying a share in the horse.*

The maintenance fee covers the projected costs of entry fees, and costs of keeping the horse (i.e. farrier, vet, and feeding). Ownership entitles each owner to the prize money won by the horse in proportion to their share (i.e. if the horse wins \$5,000 and an owner has one share in the horse, they would receive 5% or \$250 of the prize money).

Ownership also entitles the owner to recoup their share of the horse if she should be sold in the future. For example, if she were sold for \$200,000, each owner would be paid \$10,000 for each share in the horse. It is not my intention to sell this horse in the near future; I would like to campaign her at the top level myself. However, if the opportunity came along to sell her to another top rider, that may be a possibility.

Eventually Bronte would retire from active competition, and would be expected to be a sought-after broodmare, given her demonstrated capabilities and excellent breeding. Any revenues to breeding would be shared proportionately with syndicate owners.



*Bronte in training.*



### **What's in it for you?**

Owning an event horse with potential for the elite level means playing a part in the journey to some of the top events in North America and around the world. The combination of Bronte's clear potential and Ema's experience at the four-star level make the pair an exciting force for the future. In addition, Ema's inclusion on the High Performance squad makes the possibility of Olympic or Nation's Cup participation a real one. You are most welcome to attend events to watch and cheer Bronte on, and to visit the horse at home. You may also ride her, if you wish, as her competition schedule allows (she is great on trail rides!). All members of the syndicate will receive weekly training videos and monthly competition videos. There will also be a private Facebook group to update owners on Bronte's progress.

I hope you will consider being part of this exciting journey with a very special horse.

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