

Tack In Focus.

This article was conceived to give the Dressage riders and Eventers an insight into the biting dilemma, and to provide you with information about bits in a practical and useful way, how each product works, whether it does what it says it will and what positive elements each have as well as the negatives.

I would like to start this time by introducing you to our line of bits coming on to the US market, manufactured by NEUE SCHULE (a company from the North of England which specializes in the development of “Biting for Comfort and Control”). This company was formed by a competitor and breeder of dressage and event horses who developed and ran a “bit bank” for many years, during this time she found that many of the prominent questions and problems associated with the horses mouth could not be solved with the biting on the market today, so having developed a great store of knowledge about solutions to these problems Heather decided to start her own Lorinery business where she manufactures bits to her own and to older tried and tested designs, and by ABBEY, an established Lorinery company that offers a lot of unusual designs that give different options to riders with problems associated with control, mouth issues or soreness.

The “Concept Collection” is an exciting and innovative range of dressage, jumping and competition bits that are ergonomically designed to be comfortable and effective in their aiding. They offer a complete range of shapes of mouth piece and cheekpiece not available in other lines, and explain to the rider exactly how that bit will develop communication with the horse, also mouth conformation is explained and how different bits may work well for some mouth shapes but not others. Different sizes are available so that the larger mouth is now not restricted to just one type of bit, and a complete pony range (the Performance Pony Range) is now being made, the sizes range from 41/2” to 61/2” in 1/4” increments.

At Neueschule the “Neue Schule Salox” is the company’s own unique composition of a warmer, softer metal with a high copper content and Neue Schule additive to maximize oxidation and therefore promotes salivation, mouthing, acceptance and communication. Unlike German Silver and most other mixed metal mouthpieces, Salox is tarnish and nickel free, so the bits don’t loose their colour or cause those small blisters that appear in the corners of the lips of nickel-sensitive horses.

We have an advise line for riders who have a problem or wish to discuss a design, as our company is noted for it’s forward thinking and desire to learn and lead, we are always interested in new concepts in biting to promote comfort, so at present we stock many revolutionary dressage-legal mouthpieces not on the market with other retailers.

Many of the designs have a specific purpose so it is worthwhile reading the booklet (available on request) or available online at www.AllEnglishTack.com and if you need to speak to a person you can call the number on the website. Another nice surprise is the provision of a bit measuring kit, so you can actually find the correct size, width and shape for your particular horse without just guessing.

All this means that our service is the most comprehensive available to riders, with the best of back-up, our staff are riders and compete in Dressage to fourth level and go eventing with both young horses and more established ones, watch for news and laughs !!

Annette.