

## **Chester Weber is Short Listed for the 2008 Four-in-Hand World Driving Championship**

Ocala, FL- Chester Weber and his talented Four-in-Hand Team has been short listed to represent the United States at the 2008 Four-in Hand World Driving Championships to be held in Beesd, The Netherlands, September 3-7. Weber and his team are competing successfully in Europe this summer. Leaving the United States with six consecutive victories to their credit, Team Weber took the lead in dressage, posting a score of 36.48 at the World Equestrian Festival, CHIO in Aachen, Germany (June 27- July 6<sup>th</sup>).

Chester Weber has competed at five World Championships, prevailing to take team silver in 2002. Weber plans to compete the same team that he drove to victory in the dressage phase last month at Aachen CHIO and won with at the 2006 World Equestrian Games. This exceptional lineup includes Grumus, Jamaica, Rolex W and Senate. "Before Aachen last month, I have not had them all together since 2006," said Weber. "The score is about the same, so I think it is a bright future for the Americans this summer."

Tucker Johnson of Hobe Sound, FL and James Fairclough, Newton, NJ were also selected by the United States Equestrian Federation to complete the United States entry for the World Driving Championships in Beesd.

Next stop for 33-year-old Weber is Riesenbeck, Germany where he will again compete for one of the most prestigious four-in-hand driving titles known as the "Fahrderby." The Fahrderby format calls for five tests, with two additional tests for pairs.

In 2004, Weber became the first American to win the CAI-A Riesenbeck. He took a comfortable lead in dressage and was third in the marathon. When he went clear in the cones, the team won by a considerable margin, posting a final score of 525.10. "My dressage had been good all year, it is my strong suit. Although we were the last starter of over forty to go in the dressage, and the ring looked like a plowed field, the others had difficulty with it, but my team handled it," said Weber smiling.

At the 2008 Live Oak Plantation Combined Driving Event presented by Budweiser, not only did Weber compete and win the FEI Team Horse Division and his sixth consecutive USEF National Championship, but he also played host, presenter, bloodstock agent and farm manager during the event. Weber is involved at the highest levels of the sport in the USEF. He serves on the Board of Directors, the High Performance Committee, the National Driving Committee and the very important, Safety Committee.

With the Aachen success behind them, Weber now prepares his elegant team for the CAI-A Riesenbeck and then the World Championships. For more information about Chester Weber's European show schedule visit his website at: [www.chesterweber.com](http://www.chesterweber.com).

Photo: Weber's short-listed team in action.  
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