

Time is Running Out for You to Cast Your Charitable Vote for Combined Driver Chester Weber to Be Named America's Favorite Equestrian

Ocala, FL (April 14, 2011) – Fans of United States Combined Driver Chester Weber have the chance to keep voting for Weber by phone or online in order to keep him in the running for America's Favorite Equestrian. Each vote costs \$5 and 100% of the donations will be used to support horse and equestrian charitable causes across the country.

Weber, a member of the winning Silver Medal 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games Combined Driving team and the eight-time USEF National Four-In-Hand Champion, has made it through the first round of America's Favorite Equestrian. Weber was among eight drivers in the Driving category of America's Favorite Equestrian, but as of March 31, the six drivers with the most votes continue on to Round 2.



The American's Favorite Equestrian contest is an interactive fund raising effort presented jointly by partnership of The EQUUS Foundation and The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) to raise funds to advance the equestrian sport on an annual basis. The contest started with eight equestrians from each discipline: jumping, driving, dressage, eventing, reining, vaulting, endurance, and para-equestrian.

Weber was pleased to make it through Round 1 and said he was flattered to be chosen as one of the drivers for America's Favorite Equestrian. "I am very pleased that each vote gives a \$5 donation to The EQUUS Foundation," Weber said. "I truly believe in supporting The EQUUS Foundation and it is a great benefit that this contest will raise money for them. The votes really make a difference because 100% of all donations will be used to support charitable causes."

Round 2 of the voting ends May 31 and in each featured discipline the five equestrians with the most votes will continue to Round 3. Voting for Round 3 ends on July 31, with five equestrians from each discipline advancing to Round 4. Voting for Round 4 ends on September 30, with four equestrians from each discipline advancing to Round 5. Voting in Round 5 ends on October 31 and America's Favorite Equestrians will be selected based on the athletes with the highest number of recorded votes in each discipline. These winners will be announced in November at the National Horse Show, taking place at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky.

To vote for Weber as America's Favorite Equestrian in the driving category, visit The EQUUS Foundation website at www.equusfoundation.org. To vote for Weber text VOTE 01 to 85944 then reply "Yes" to confirm your vote/\$5 donation.

Weber's biography appears on the EQUUS Foundation voting website, as does a Question and Answer segment that gives more insight into the popular driver. Check out Weber's answers and find out what he never leaves the barn without, which horse he could own if he had the chance to and what Weber's hidden talent is. And don't forget to vote!

The EQUUS Foundation will award a minimum of \$10,000 in grant awards in support of the eight equestrian disciplines. The discipline generating the greatest number of votes will receive an additional \$5,000 grant award. The EQUUS Foundation is a national charitable foundation dedicated to securing homes and useful lives for horses, enhancing the lives of people who benefit from horses, advancing equestrian sport, and educating the public on the significant impact horses have in our every day lives.

For more information on Weber and his combined driving team, visit their website at www.chesterweber.com and then vote for Chester Weber as America's Favorite Equestrian.

Photo: Combined Driver Chester Weber is still in the running for America's Favorite Equestrian. Vote now to have Weber advance in the competition. Each vote donates \$5 to The EQUUS Foundation. Visit their website at www.equusfoundation.org to vote for Weber. (Photo courtesy of Live Oak Combined Driving)