

Alissa Kinsey – Leader in the Adult Jumper Division

Division winning veteran, Alissa Kinsey of Danville, NH, currently sits atop the standings of the North American League Adult Jumper division aboard Grisset, a 15-year-old Hanovarian mare that she purchased five years ago. The pair topped the final standings in both 2009 and 2010.

An equestrian from the start, Kinsey found her way into the saddle before she could walk, and continues to put riding and her horses first.

After leaving her last trainer at the age of 15, Kinsey went on to win and find success on her own. Now, with multiple horses that she personally trains and shows, Kinsey continues to set her goals higher.

“My horses are my job. I don't have a ‘regular’ job. I am on the road almost every week going to shows. I take complete care of my horses, so even if there isn't a show, I still have a full plate every day,” she said after winning the NAL Adult Jumper division in 2009.

Kinsey and Grisset have achieved continued success together winning Classics at many major horse shows such as the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington. This summer they continued their great success in NAL classes in Vermont where last year they won the Vermont Summer Festival Adult Amateur Jumper Circuit Championship after winning four out of the five NAL Adult Jumper Classics.

When asked about her biggest achievement she responded by saying, “I would have to say that my biggest achievement is being successful in this sport...knowing that my horse performed well because of the training and care that I personally gave it.”

Not one to take all the recognition, she also credits Grisset for what she does. “My horse is so special; she just keeps topping herself. I'm just along to maintain it,” she said proudly.

