



RIDER BIOGRAPHY

		
Name:	Andrew Nicholson	
Country:	New Zealand	
Age:	49	

Notable Recent Results

2009 - Saumur CCI*** 1st; Aachen CCI*** 7th; Blenheim CIC*** 8/9 2nd (Avebury)
2009 – Gatcombe CCI***W 9th; Bramham CCI***1st; Barbury Castle CIC*** 2nd (Nereo)
2009 – Pau CCI**** 13th; Burghley CCI**** 21st; Barbury Castle CIC*** 7th (Armada)
2009 - Winner Mitsubishi Motors Stately Homes accumulator Challenge
2008 – Burghley CCI**** 8th; Bramham CCI*** 3rd (Armada)
2008 – Saumur CCI*** 4th Nereo
2008 – Olympic Games Elim Lord Killinghamurst
2004 – Olympic Games 61st
2000 – Burghley CCI**** 1st Mr Smiffy
1996 – Olympic Games team bronze
1995 – Burghley CCI**** 1st Buckley Province
1992 – Olympic Games 16th Spinning Rhombus; team silver
1990 – WEG team gold
1984 – Olympic Games 28th Kahlua

Badminton Record

Holds the record for the most Badminton completions - 27. Has yet to win.

2009 - 23rd (Armada)
2008 - ret'd (Armada)
2007 - 5th (Lord Killinghamurst) 8th (Henry Tankerville)
2005 - 4th (Lord Killinghamurst)
2004 - 2nd (Lord Killinghamurst)

Personal

Andrew is probably the most prolific event rider ever. In a usual year he has over 200 competitive rides. He has been selected for six Olympic Games winning team silver 1992 & team bronze 1996. He won team gold at the 1990 WEG. He has won Burghley twice 1995 & 2000.

Andrew the third of six children was brought up on a dairy farm in Kihikihi, North Island. Riding was an everyday activity on the farm and the children regularly competed at local shows and pony club competitions. After leaving education Andrew joined his brother who was retraining racehorses as well as riding for local racehorse trainers. He came to England in 1980 aged 19 and his first job on the circuit was grooming for Mark Todd and Southern Comfort at Badminton – which they won. Within four-years Andrew had two Badminton horses and was selected for the NZ team at the Olympic Games.

Armada and Nereo are full brothers bred by former rider Ramon Beca in Spain. Avebury was bred by Andrew and originally produced by partner Wiggy Channer with who he has two children. The couple is based near Marlborough. Andrew has two older children from his previous marriage.

Pedigree		Notable Results
Armada chestnut gelding 17.0 hh 1999	(Sire) Fines (Dam) Berganza	
Breed Type:	TBx	
Owner(s):	Paul Ridgeon	
Breeder:	Ramon Beca	