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**RIDER: LAUREN SHANNON**

**HORSE:**

**22 ZERO FLIGHT**, bay gelding, 16.2 hh, 1997, s: Zero Watt, d: Hillside Consul Flight, *Breed:* ISH, *Country of Birth:* Ireland *Breeder:* Mary Gaynor  
*Owner:* **Rider**

Lauren (23) who is based in Wymeswold is originally from England, but emigrated to the United States with her family when she was three. She lived in Park City, Utah, where she rode from a young age, but struggled to pursue eventing due to the distances required to get to events. In 2001, Lauren met eventing husband and wife team, Mark and Tanya Kyle, who were teaching a clinic in Utah. At their suggestion in 2003 Lauren moved back to the UK.

Lauren started to study business at Loughborough University, but stopped in 2006 to continue studying through the Open University to enable her to devote more time to horses. In 2005 Lauren was in a bad car accident breaking her pelvis in two places. Less than a year later she was selected for the British Young Rider team in Pardubice, where they won team gold. Last year Lauren made her four-star debut at Burghley with two horses and with Zero Flight gained 12<sup>th</sup> place and the prizes for 'best first-timer' and 'best under-25'.

Zero Flight is an Irish Sport Horse by the Thoroughbred Zero Watt (the sire of eventers The Biz and Woodside Alcatraz) acquired in 2004 from Mark and Tanya Kyle.

Quixotic is a mare is by the British based Holstein Carousel (also the sire of Badminton winner Carousel's Quest) out of a Thoroughbred mare by Rolfe. She was bought from her breeder in 1997

**Recent results**

2010 – Burghley CCI\*\*\*\* 12<sup>th</sup> Zero Flight (best first timer and best U25), Quixotic Withd'n after XC  
2010 – Bramham CCI\*\*\* U25 5<sup>th</sup> Quixotic  
2010 - Strzegom CCI\*\*\* 4th (Zero Flight)  
2010 - Bramham CCI\*\*\* 5th (Quixotic)  
2010 - Belton CIC\*\*\* 7th (Zero Flight)  
2009 - Burnham Market CIC\*\* 6th (Quixotic)  
2007 - Weston Park U21 CCI\*\* 3rd (Quixotic)  
2007 Blair Castle YR Europeans 19th team gold (Quixotic)

2006 Pardubice YR Europeans 17th , team gold (Quixotic)

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