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RIDER: KRISTINA COOK

HORSE:

90 MINER'S FROLIC, dark bay gelding, 17.1 hh, 1998, s: Miner's Lamp, d: Mighty Frolic, *Breed: TB, Country of Birth: United Kingdom Breeder: Mr Maurice Pinto*

Owners: Nick & Valda Embiricos, Billingshurst, W. Sussex, **Sarah Pelham**, Warminster, Wilts.

Tina Cook (nee Gifford) has been eventing since she was sixteen. Tina (40) first was selected to represent GB in 1987 winning team gold at the Junior European Championships (Song & Dance Man). She was a regular and successful member of British Young Rider teams winning the National championships (1991). The following year she competed at her first Badminton (10th – Song & Dance Man) and made her first senior team appearance in the 1993 European Championships when she won individual silver (Song & Dance Man). She was a member of British gold medal teams at the World Equestrian Games (1994) and European Championships ('95 & '99) and in 1997 won individual European bronze with General Jock. With Miners Frolic she is the reigning European Champion and Olympic bronze medallist. Last year they were members of the British gold medal team at the WEG in Lexington where they were 29th individually.

Tina's father Josh Gifford was four-times Champion Jockey and a successful trainer – he trained Aldaniti to win the Grand National in 1981, who owners Nick and Valda Embiricos now own Miners Frolic. Her mother Althea Roger-Smith was a successful international show jumper who represented GB and was a winner of the Queen Elizabeth Cup. Tina now helps her brother Nick who trains racehorses at the yard in Findon. She is married to Philip and they have two children Isabelle (6) & Harry (4).

Miners Frolic a Thoroughbred by Miners Lamp out of Mighty Frolic by the National Hunt Sire Oats, was bought as a four-year-old from breeder Maurice Pinto. The following year he won the Burghley Young Event Horse final. Miners Frolic contested his first Badminton last year but the pair was eliminated after a fall at The Lake.

Recent results

2010 – WEG 29th team gold (Miners Frolic)

2010 – Hartpury CIC*** 12th (Miners Frolic)

2009 – Fontainebleau CCI*** Eu Ch 1st (Miners Frolic)

2009 – Luhmuhlen CCI**** 6th (Miners Frolic)

2008 – Olympic Games 3rd (Miners Frolic)
2007 – Boekelo CCI*** 3rd (Miners Frolic)
2007 – Blenheim CCI*** 2nd Miners Frolic
2007 – Gatcombe CIC*** 1st Miners Frolic)

Badminton

2010 – Elim'd XC at the Lake (Miners Frolic)
2005 – Ret'd (Captain Christy)
2004 – 38th (Captain Christy)
2003 – 12th (Captain Christy)
2002 – 12th (Captain Christy)
1998 – 6th (General Jock)
1995 – 5th (General Jock)
1994 – 7th (General Jock)
1993 – 14th (Song & Dance Man)