

## Footings Unlimited Sponsors \$50k GP

Horse Shows In the Sun, Inc. (HITS), producer of six world-class hunter/jumper horse show circuits nationwide, has announced that Footings Unlimited will again be sponsoring Grand Prix Show Jumping events at HITS circuits. Footings Unlimited \$50,000 Grand Prix will be held at HITS Desert Circuit in Indio, California, and HITS Catskills in Ellenville, New York.

In addition to sponsoring Grand Prix events at HITS shows, Footings Unlimited also supplies surface material for HITS competition rings. The sand/rubber surface from Footings Unlimited utilizes ground recycled sneakers mixed with sand to create an all-weather surface preferred by exhibitors for its cushioning and traction properties. This footing is already installed at nine rings at the HITS Desert Horse Park in Indio, plus HITS show grounds in Ellenville, New York; Culpeper, Virginia; and Ocala, Florida. New installations in 2000 for the Footings Unlimited surface material include the Grand Prix ring at Indio and eight new rings at HITS newest venue, HITS Tahoe in Minden, Nevada.

Construction of the new show grounds in Minden began October 18, 1999, and is scheduled to be completed by early spring, 2000. HITS has invested approximately \$500,000 in footing for the rings. Leased from The Bently Family Limited Partnership, the 100-acre site has been developed from former alfalfa fields. To create the base, 30,000 tons of stone dust were hauled in.

“The base must be rock hard,” explains HITS President Tom Struzzieri. “We want our base completed this winter so we can prepare for the show next summer.”

This spring, HITS staff will top off the eight rings with approximately 650,000 pounds of the ground rubber and sand mixture from Footings Unlimited. Footings Unlimited offers an extensive selection of footing products and design solutions as well as construction services. For more information on Footings Unlimited products, contact the company at 1-800-972-7251.