

<IMAGE_01> 'Challenge_Ext'

EQUINE DELIGHT

Complete with a 7.6cm eave overhang, sliding barn doors, and divided light windows, the Ironstone Arena gives Challenge Unlimited's riders the feel-good, outdoor environment that enhances their therapeutic experience.

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, is located in picturesque Andover, Massachusetts, just north-west of Boston in the United States. Ironstone's founder, Richard Donovan, started the farm in 1960 as a breeding and training facility for thoroughbred horses.

In 2001, the non-profit Challenge Unlimited purchased Ironstone to preserve the property and its programmes for generations to come. Today, employing horses in a working farm environment, Challenge Unlimited provides beneficial therapy for people with physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities.

Having a new riding arena has been a dream for Challenge Unlimited and that dream became a reality this year with the construction of a custom-built riding arena by Rubb Sports Buildings. Measuring 24.39m wide by 60.97m long, with a sidewall height of 6m, the Rubb BVE structure sits on an I-beam foundation and was designed to withstand a 30psf ground snow load and 110mph, 3-second gust wind speeds.

Melding of Modern & Traditional

After years of experience in the field, Ironstone Farm Founder, Richard Donovan used the qualities of the Rubb signature design, incorporated the aesthetic and functional needs of the programme, and worked with the Rubb design team to create the ideal structure for Challenge Unlimited. The end result was a stunning conventional membrane structure with a translucent roof, which looks like a traditional New England style barn. It is a true

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melding of modern materials and science with a traditional construction. Complete with a 7.6cm eave overhang, sliding barn doors, and divided light windows, the Ironstone Arena gives Challenge Unlimited's riders the feel-good, outdoor environment that enhances their therapeutic experience.

Mr Donovan stated of the experience: "It was a pleasure to work with the people at Rubb. Their engineers heard and understood our specific needs, were will-

ing to work with us on design changes, and brought the concept to reality."

The Rubb organisation, with production facilities in Great Britain, Norway and the United States, is recognised as a world leader in the design, development and manufacture of relocatable structures and is quality certified to ISO9001: 2000. ★

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