

## Scene at WEG Tuesday

If you want to see half of the horse people in the Tryon area, you will find them now in blue volunteer uniforms at TIEC. I've been working there for three days, and I'm thrilled to see many familiar faces plus people who've come here to help out from all over the country and even overseas.

The very first folks I saw in the accreditation center Saturday were TR&HC board member Kent Holden and his wife Linda. They have been working here for three weeks already. What a huge commitment of time and energy!

I have been having fun spotting people in international team apparel all over the area. The best place I've found, outside TIEC itself, is the Ingles in Landrum. I've directed tanned team types to the sun block and bottled water. I even spoke to my personal hero, Sir Mark Todd, eventing superstar from New Zealand!

One thing that is typical when working at a major international equestrian event is that the days are very long. The first email that greeted me at 5 a.m. this morning was from Kathryn McMahon, former TR&HC executive director, who oversees the volunteers here. She was checking in for more help with Opening Ceremonies tonight.

The athletes are reporting that the horse facilities here are first rate. Some other things are still very much a work in progress. The people I've met here so far have been very helpful and patient. We are all keeping an eye on news of Hurricane Florence. The Games are On!

Kent Holden hard at work at the accreditation center.

