

PRESS RELEASE

A Dream Comes True

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, located in picturesque Andover, Massachusetts, sits a stone's throw away from the busy I-495 corridor just north west of Boston. 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 programs 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 Rubb riding arena. Measuring 80' (24.39m) wide by 200' (60.97m) long with a sidewall height of 19.8' (6m), the Rubb BVE structure sits on an I-beam foundation and was designed to a 30 psf ground snow load and 110 mph 3-second gust wind speed.



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 program, and worked with the RUBB design team to create the ideal structure for Challenge Unlimited. The end result was stunning - a conventional membrane structure with translucent roof that looks like a traditional New England style barn. It is a true melding of modern materials and science with traditional construction. Complete with a 3' 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 states "It was a pleasure to work with the folks at RUBB. Their engineers heard and understood our specific needs, were willing to work with us on design changes, and brought the concept to reality."

All of at Rubb, Inc. are pleased to have been part of this worthwhile project and we support the excellent work that Challenge Unlimited continues to do for so many people. We are proud to add them to our long list of satisfied customers.

The Rubb organization, with production facilities in the United States, Great Britain, and Norway, is recognized as a world leader in the design, development, and manufacture of relocatable structures.