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Todd Minikus and Quality Girl Lead the Way in \$86,000 Marshall & Sterling Grand Prix CSI 2*



Todd Minikus and Quality Girl notched an almost four-second gap between them and the second-place finishers in Saturday night's grand prix. © Sportfot

The first "Saturday Night Lights" grand prix competition of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival was an exciting one as fans who braved the chilly and blustery weather were treated to a fast jump-off and winning ride from Todd Minikus (USA) on the Quality Group's Quality Girl. They finished four seconds faster than second place finishers, Samuel Parot (CHI) on Atlantis. Richie Moloney (IRL) placed third with Carrabis Z.

Course designer Catsy Cruz set the track for the grand prix, which had 45 entries and 12 clear through to the jump-off. Emanuel Andrade (VEN) and Nokia de Brekka set the early leading pace with a clear round in 37.14 seconds for fifth place. Moloney and Carrabis Z, owned by Equinimity LLC, brought the winning time down to 36.57 seconds, but would settle for third. Margie Engle (USA) and Indigo, owned by Griese, Garber, Hidden Creek, and Gladewinds, slotted into fourth place with a time of 36.70 seconds. Parot made a bid for the win and had a brief time at the top of the standings when they finished in 36.25 seconds.

As the final competitors in the jump-off, Minikus and Quality Girl galloped to the first fence and never looked back. With

incredible rollback turns and a speedy pace, they stopped the timers almost four seconds faster in 32.41 seconds for the win.

"I watched Richie go and I thought, 'That looks pretty impressive,' and then Samuel went and I thought, 'This looks too fast.' But when I went to the first jump, she took a hold of the bit and dragged me on down there. It felt great," Minikus said.

It was a gratifying win for Minikus, who had a severe groin injury in September, which put him on the sidelines for months. He has had a successful relationship with Quality Girl, a 13-year-old Oldenburg mare by Quidam's Rubin x Dobrock.

"I just sat around for months," Minikus recalled. "Somehow I got myself back in shape and hopefully it will stay together for the rest of the circuit. We have a big summer coming up, and I have big plans. I hope that Babalou and Quality Girl have a good circuit here."

He continued, "It's nice that Quality Girl came out with guns a blazin', so to speak. She jumped great last week and I screwed the jump-off up and made kind

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Colvin Starts Artisan Farms Under 25 Series with Grand Prix Win



Victoria Colvin and Zidane won the \$25,00 Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix, presented by Equine Couture/TuffRider. © Sportfot

Victoria Colvin (USA) topped a starting field of 63 to produce the fastest double-clear effort in 43.06 seconds over seven jump-off contenders. Katherine Strauss (USA), 17, who won Saturday's Artisan Farms U25 Welcome Stake took second aboard her own All In and posted a time of 43.42 seconds. Madison Goetzmann (USA), 15, rode her own Wrigley to round out the top five with a four-fault jump-off round in 41.24 seconds.

Juan Jose Zendejas Salgado (MEX) took fourth with Tino La Chapelle for Alejandro Zendejas on four faults in 42.50 seconds, while Nicole Bellissimo (USA) and Harley David capped the top five on four in 42.50 seconds for Bellissimo, LLC.

Colvin, who has competed in the U25 Grand Prix Series twice in previous years, got the ride on Zidane only a few weeks ago and produced a win in the third class together.

"He's a joy to ride," she said. "He jumped fantastic today – he's like a hunter, which I love. You just let go, squeeze and float around the course. He has a huge stride, so if you ever have a short line, you just leave out."

Zidane's stride played to Colvin's advantage as she approached the last fence of the jump-off, an oxer approaching the in-gate. She was the final rider on course after Strauss produced a quick, clear round right before her.

"I knew Tori was going after me and she's a very fast rider, but I saw a lot of people have the last one down, so I took my time and Tori didn't," said Strauss.

Colvin produced just the right amount of speed from Zidane and stole the win from Strauss with only fractions of a second to spare.

"Yesterday's win was a confidence boost, but this is a very humbling sport and anything can happen," continued Strauss. "I just wanted to put myself in a good position for the rest of the Series, and I couldn't have asked for

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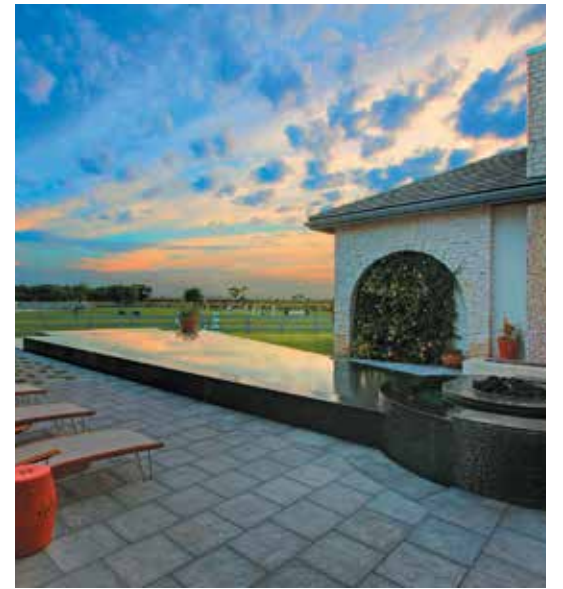
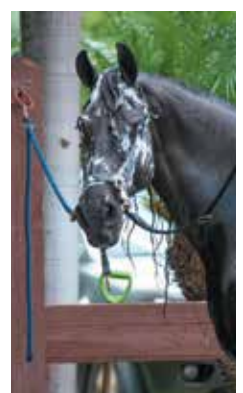
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On Wednesday, January 27, at 6 p.m., everyone is welcome to join this free event of the biggest celebration of the PRE in this country. Held at the Global Pavilion at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF Showgrounds), the theme is "Legends." It will be a festive evening of great food, beautiful horses and amazing music.

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, January 28, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners, while all others are \$25. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. The season finale door prize includes a custom trunk provided by Clever Jumps & Trunks and TheraPlate. The subject for WEF 2 is "Drugs, Devices, and Decisions: Understanding Your Options in Managing Equine DJD" with Marian Little, sponsored by Adequan®. Contact Laura Bostwick at 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com for more information.

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AGDF's "Friday Night Stars" Series returns in 2016, showcasing some of the world's

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THE SUITES - AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT!

Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Suites are first available on Saturday, January 16, and then on nine other Saturday nights during WEF. Prime viewing, a full buffet, and premium bar options in a semi-private suite catered by White Horse Catering, this is the place to host friends and family or even a corporate get-together. Each suite accommodates up to 22 people. The Suites are available for \$150 for WEF 3 - January 30, WEF 8 - March 5, WEF 10 - March 19, WEF 11 - March 26, and for \$200 per person during the CSI 5* weeks: WEF 5 - February 13, WEF 7 - February 27, WEF 9 - March 12, and WEF 12 - April 2. Availability is on first-come, first-served basis, so book now before they all fill up! Contact Patti Miele at 561-784-1125 or pmiele@whitehorsetavernflorida.com today.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - \$130,000 ADEQUAN® GRAND PRIX CSI 3*

The grand prix competition continues at WEF 3 on Saturday, January 30, with gates opening at 6 p.m. The best show jumpers of the circuit qualify during the week to compete under the lights of the International Arena. This always-exciting competition features the biggest jumps with daring jump-off rides for the best prize money.

RIDE & LEARN WITH CANDICE KING

The Ride & Learn Series will take place each Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. during WEF. Each week will feature a mounted riding clinic instructed by highly esteemed industry professionals and will be held in various venues and arenas at PBIEC. Week 4 features top show jumper Candice King at PBIEC Ring 7 on Tuesday, February 2. Participation to ride in the clinic is \$100 per horse/rider per clinic, with a maximum of 12 horses, so sign up today! Auditing is free. For more information or to sign up for a clinic, please contact Jessica Nichols at 561-784-4275 or jnichols@equestriansport.com.

SAVE THE DATE! GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE, PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

Heading into its seventh annual event, the Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC), will be returning to Wellington on Saturday, February 6. The team competition, held each year at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC), has distributed

more than \$75 million to over 150 non-profits in Palm Beach County over the last six years. This family-friendly event offers free general admission and will feature this year's "Fairy Tale" theme. Thirty-four of these lucky charities will depend on their Fairy Godmothers to receive a share of the \$1.5 million dollar purse. All children are invited to attend dressed as their favorite Fairy Tale characters. For the latest event information and application guidelines, please visit: www.GreatCharityChallenge.com and follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/greatcharitychallenge.

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The Asheville Regional Airport Wellington Eventing Showcase, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty will be held at The Stadium at PBIEC on February 5-6 with dressage on Friday followed by stadium jumping and cross-country on Saturday. Approximately twenty top Eventing riders representing the USA, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand are expected to attend this Advanced level competition. VIP tables, which include lunch buffet and drinks each day, are available for the event for prime viewing of both the dressage and stadium jumping arena as well as the cross-country course. Please contact Shelley Spielman for details and order forms at shspielman@gmail.com. Visit www.PBIEC.com for more information! ■

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Hyperion Stud has founded their world-renowned business upon their consistent attentiveness to lineage, quality, and talent, exemplified through some of the world's top sport horses who have been produced under the watchful eye of Vicky Castegren, owner and manager of Hyperion Stud, alongside her dedicated team. A strong supporter of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) Sport Horse Auction, Castegren has seen the immense potential of each year's respective auction group, having purchased more than five prospects from the event, as well as several horses from Janko van de Lageweg's VDL Stud in the Netherlands on numerous occasions.

Four years ago at the inaugural year of the WEF Sport Horse Auction, Castegren found that the scope of the auction group to be immense, even though many prospects were still young in their respective careers. Throughout the years, a number of graduates have drawn her attention, but two she purchased in the early years of the auction are now flourishing under their respective programs, primed to take the international spotlight in the near future.

Dakota VDL, a 2008 Holsteiner stallion (Casall x Naomi II), is one of Castegren's favorites. Having proven himself in the ring as a young horse, he is now ready to take the next step in his career with rider Taizo Sugitani of Japan.

"We bought him at one of the first auctions that they did here, and he's our stallion by Casall. He's incredibly cute and is incredibly polite on the ground. He had a great season in 2015 in Europe and won the 6-Year Old Jumper Division at WEF in 2015, which was a real highlight for us," commented Castegren. "I think he had two rails in three weeks in the 7-Year-Old series in Europe. He's coming along really nicely, and we're incredibly excited for his future."

Koblenz HS, an adorable chestnut gelding with a personality to boot, greets each of the entrants at Hyperion South and is primed for success with his immeasurable scope and untapped talent. Nicky Galligan, one of the main riders for Hyperion Stud, has overseen the training of the 2010 Belgian Warmblood (Nabab de Reve x Wendelina Van't Merelsnest) and sees big things to come in his future, as does Castegren.

"He's slowly getting educated. We think he's a pretty serious horse. For sure 1.50m but I think there's 1.60m in there too. He's going to have a nice and slow education process because he's young and there's no reason to put pressure on him," explained Castegren. "He'll do a little bit down here for exposure and then we'll save him for the summer to do a bit more. He's a big guy. He's pretty much been this big since he was four and he's a goofball on the ground too



Koblenz HS © Meg Banks for ESP

with such a big personality."

In total, Castegren has purchased more than five horses from the WEF Sport Horse Auction as the event approaches its fourth anniversary on Thursday, March 3.

The quality that we've seen at the auction to this point has been incredibly impressive and each of the horses we've purchased have gone on to do great

things, with a few waiting in the wings for their moment. The auction brings together a class group of horses in a single event in the U.S., which is what this sport needs in order to grow."

For more information on the WEF Sport Horse Auction and to see a full list of stock for this year's 2016 WEF Sport Horse Auction, please visit www.wefsporthorseauction.com. ■

Carly Weilmünster



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Ronald Donald Southern, C.C., C.B.E., A.O.E., B.Sc., LL.D July 25, 1930 – January 21, 2016

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Ron Southern on January 21st in Calgary. He lived an extraordinary life building and accomplishing what very few can dream of.

He is survived by his loving wife Margaret (nee Visser) and his two daughters whom he adored; Nancy (Jonathan Asselin) and Linda (Tom Heathcott) and grandchildren Kelly Koss-Brix (Brian), Kyle Koss, Ben Asselin, Patrick Heathcott, Ronald Heathcott and Charlie Heathcott. Ron is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews and cousins. Born Ronald Donald Southern on July 25, 1930 in Calgary, Alberta, Ron was predeceased by his parents Ina and Donald Southern.

Ron lived in Calgary but traveled the world extensively his entire adult life. He was a proud Canadian and loved his Alberta roots. As a young man he was a gifted athlete who loved sports and played hockey, football and basketball.

Ron left Calgary after graduating from Crescent Heights High School to attend the University of Alberta. He completed his Bachelor of Science from the Faculty of Medicine in 1953.

While still in high school, he founded Alberta Trailer Co. in 1947 with his father Samuel Donald. Starting with five people the enterprise today - ATCO Group - has grown to more than 8,000 employees worldwide.

Ron was a self-made businessman who became a respected giant of Canadian commerce. His success included gas and electrical utility companies, midstream, drilling, pipelines, logistics, manufacturing, workforce housing sales, leasing, maintenance and operations.

ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited, which ATCO acquired and repatriated in 1980, have done business in more than 100 countries around the world primarily through its Structures and Logistics businesses that provide workforce housing and other infrastructure solutions. The firms' utilities businesses operate in Canada, Australia the United Kingdom, and Mexico.

Ron and his wife Margaret of sixty-one years were the vision and driving force behind the creation, construction and operations of Spruce Meadows, which is widely recognized as the leading show jumping facility in the world. Since opening in 1975, Spruce Meadows has hosted athletes from more than 60 nations and attracted 10.2 million fans.

In addition to acting as Chairman of the Board of ATCO, Canadian Utilities and AKITA Drilling Ltd. for decades, Ron actively enjoyed his time on the Boards of Directors of a number of Canada's most prestigious companies including: Canadian Pacific Limited, Chrysler Canada, Imasco, Lafarge Canada, Royal and Sun Alliance (RSA), Trimac, Pacific Western Airlines, Canadian Pacific Airlines, Canadian Airlines, Xerox Canada, Mercantile Bank, Canadian Export Development Corporation, Southam Inc., Crown Zellerback, and Fletcher Challenge.

Numerous awards were bestowed upon Ron for his remarkable efforts, achievements and contributions including: Companion of the Order of Canada 2007, Alberta Order of Excellence 2012, The Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal 2002, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012 and The Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service 2013.

A lifelong sportsman, Ron was recognized as the Calgary Booster Club Sportsman of the Year in 1986. He was inducted into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame in 1992, and the Canada Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

In 2013 he was named honorary chief of the Tsuu T'ina Nation and given the name Chief Sorrel Horse.

Ron was also recognized as an Internationalist. In 1990 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II bestowed on him a member of the Order of the British Empire for his services to Anglo - Canadian relations and in 1995 he was promoted to the level of Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands inducted him into the Order of Orange- Nassau in 2006 and honored him with the Holland Trade Award in 1985 in recognition of his substantial contributions to the Dutch Foreign economic relations.

Ron received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 1991 and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of Calgary in 1976.

In 2007 he was inducted into the Canadian Manufacturing Hall of Fame. In 1996 Ron was recognized by the Financial Post as the CEO of the Year in Canada. In 1990 the University of Manitoba recognized him as the International Distinguished Entrepreneur and in 1986 the University of Alberta recognized Ron as the Businessman of the Year.

Ron traveled the world and met most of the business leaders in those countries as well as many of the political leaders of the 20th century. He took a great interest in the people and the cultures where he visited and his vast memory could recall the most extraordinary details. He cherished his many years on the Trilateral Commission.

He valued education, reading newspapers, and loved books. Most weeks he would devour at least two or three on a variety of subjects from military biographies and autobiographies to mysteries, outer space, national and international leaders, but his greatest reading enjoyment and inspiration came from books by and about Winston Churchill. He collected these and never tired of Winston Churchill quotations, speeches and proclamations.

Ron was a proud Royalist and was delighted when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II came to Spruce Meadows in 1990 to inaugurate the Queen Elizabeth II Cup. This spawned a relationship that took Ron to Buckingham Palace on numerous occasions as a guest. At various times it allowed for the opportunity to introduce his daughters and grandchildren to Her Majesty.

Ron lived a life full of adventure. He was loved, respected and admired by many and will be in our hearts forever.

The family would like to give special heartfelt thanks to Dr. Barry Baylis and Lorelee Baylis for their excellent care and compassion over the last few years. Most sincere thanks as well are extended to Marites Avila, David Hamilton and Doug Weitz for their expert care and committed service to Ron.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W., Calgary. In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations will be gratefully received by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), Mr. David Prowten, President and C.E.O, 2550 Victoria Park Avenue, Suite 800, Toronto, Ontario, M2J 5A9. Or, alternatively, contributions can be gratefully made to the Spruce Meadows Beautification Fund, c/o Spruce Meadows, R.R. #9, Calgary, Alberta, T2J 5G5. Donations to both can also be made online at www.sprucemeadows.com/memorial.

Those wishing to pay their respects can also do so at McInnis & Holloway (Park Memorial), 5008 Elbow Drive S.W., Calgary on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

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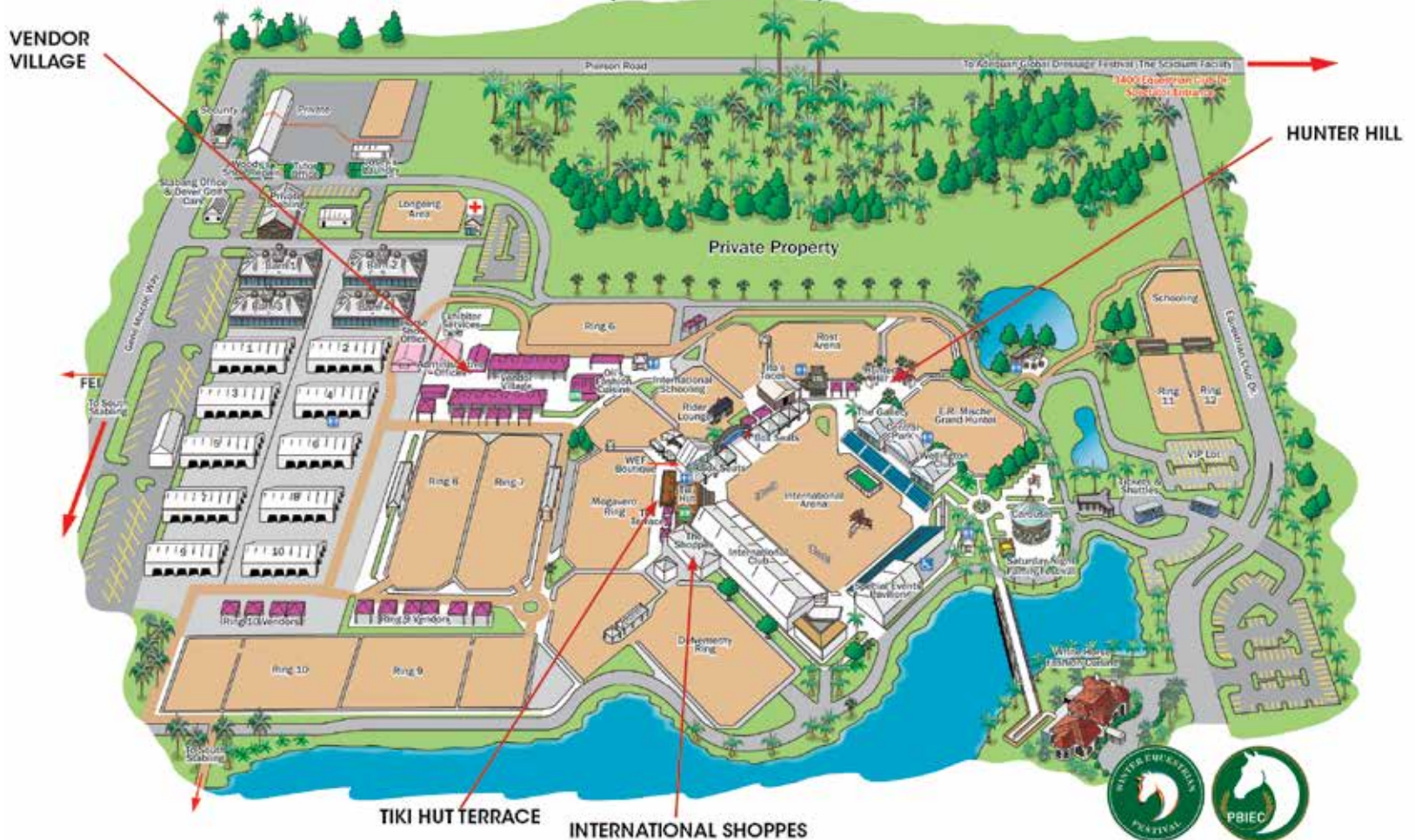
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more from my horse day.”

Top finishers agreed that the tracks set by Course Designer Catsby Cruz of Mexico were a good challenge.

“She really tested the rider’s ability to be within the time allowed, but do the correct number of strides,” said third-place rider Goetzmann. “I think maybe I was a little too eager today and that’s why I had a rail. It’s my first year being eligible for this division, and I was very excited to compete. It’s a great way to develop us younger riders to make the transition into the bigger classes.”

Class sponsors Carlene Ziegler, owner of Artisan Farms, Missy Sage from The Dutta Corp, and Timmy and Laurie Sharma, owners of Equine Couture and TuffRider, were on hand to present winner’s prizes to the top three riders and were honored to watch the future of show jumping compete.

“We are honored to be a part of this transition period for them and it’s a perfect market for us – these are the riders we design and manufacture for,” said Laurie Sharma.

“This is our second year sponsoring this series and while it’s exciting to see returning faces, there are a lot of new riders, which makes it a very dynamic division that’s always changing,” continued Timmy Sharma.

Colvin hopes to continue riding Zidane in U25 competition, which continues with the

Team Event during WEF Week 4 in the Global International Ring at The Stadium at PBIEC.

“I want to thank everyone who contributes to this division,” said Colvin. “It’s a great opportunity for young riders, and I’m excited that I have this horse to show in it.”

The Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series got underway on Saturday with a win for Katherine Strauss in the \$10,000 Artisan Farms Under 25 Welcome Stake. Strauss, 17, and her own All In bested 64 entries in the one-round speed class, stopping the clock in 64.57 seconds.

Sima Morgello and Orientales jumped into second for Double S Farm, LLC in 66.14 seconds. Third was presented to Hayley Barnhill and Zephire in 69.48 seconds for Barnhill, LLC. Lucas Porter and Diamante Darco took fourth in 70.23 seconds for the Sleepy P Ranch, while Tina Di Landri capped the top five aboard Zelote VDL, owned by Highpoint Farm, LLC in 71.13 seconds.

Presented by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatter, the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series (AFU25GPS) returns to the Winter Equestrian Festival for its sixth season this year. Throughout the circuit, the series offers a total of \$170,000 in prize money while showcasing top young talent in show jumping sport. Open to competitors of all nationalities aged 25 and under, the AFU25GPS is sanctioned by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the

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Centerfold, owned by Mary Ronald and ridden by Jimmy Torano, were the Gold Coast Baby Green Hunter champions.



Junior Mint and Cady Ryan, who rode for Buckwild Farm LLC, won the Walk Trot championship.



The Antares Pre-Green Hunter 3' champion was Aruba Z, ridden by Liza Boyd for Geddaway Farm.



Taje Warrick rode Mufasa to the Tucci by Newstar Low Children's Jumper championship, with trainer Tiffany Morrissey at WEF 1.

Hunters Continue to Shine During the Second Week of WEF

Exhibitors endured another week of formidable weather during the second week of showing at the Winter Equestrian Festival. Torrential downpours forced an early end to the show day on Friday, and exhibitors had to contend with the strong winds on Saturday. Nevertheless, the hunters continued to shine in the show ring.

The green horses showcased their talents early in the week at WEF 2. Concluding on Thursday, the Perfect Products Pre-Green Hunter 3'3" division awarded championship honors to Louise Serio and six-year-old Hanoverian gelding Kings Landing, who is owned by Bryan Baldwin. The pair dominated the division, earning first place in the under saddle and first place finishes in two of the four over fences classes. They placed second and third in the other two jumping classes. Scott Stewart rode Private Life, a five-year-old KWPN gelding owned by Rivers Edge, to the reserve title. Stewart earned a first, fourth, and two second place ribbons over fences and placed fourth in the under saddle.

Championship honors in the Equine Tack and Nutritionals Second Year Green Hunter division were awarded to Christopher Payne and Truman, who is a nine-year-old Westphalian gelding owned by Debbie Bass and Maypine Farm. Payne and Truman dominated the division, winning three of

four over fences classes and placing first in the under saddle. Last week's champions Havens Schatt and Custom Made settled for the reserve title this week. Schatt and the 11-year-old Mecklenburg gelding earned a fourth, fifth, and two third place ribbons over fences. They also placed fourth in the under saddle.

The sun was finally shining as the Bainbridge Companies Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 division champion was crowned on Sunday morning. A first and a second place finish over fences secured Kelly Tropin and Chablis the championship honors. The pair also placed sixth in an over fences class and in the under saddle. Caroline Kellogg rode her own Felicci to the reserve title. The pair finished third in the under saddle and earned second and third place ribbons over fences.

Some of WEF's youngest exhibitors competed in the Carolex Stables Younger Cross Rail Hunter division on Sunday morning. Elodie Watrous and Sugarbrook Game Plan took home the championship title. The eight-year-old Welsh Pony Cross is owned by Bill Schaub and was also shown by Chloe Watrous in the Small/Medium Children's Hunter Pony division. Vivian Golden rode her 15-year-old pony, Rosehaven Legacy, to the reserve title. ■ Callie Seaman



Chris Payne and Truman were the Equine Tack & Nutritionals Second Year Green Hunter champions at WEF 2. © Sportfot

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Todd Minikus Wins Grand Prix, Continued from Page 1

of a crappy turn, but tonight I rode her so she could win.”

with him. I tried (tonight), but Todd is very fast.”

Minikus was quick to thank his team and added, “I’d like to thank the owners in Quality Group and all the sponsors – Purina, Charles Owen, VitaFlex – I can’t do it without them. Shannon who takes care of Quality Girl has been doing a great job flattening her while I was hurt, so she gets a lot of credit”

Moloney and Carrabis Z, a 13-year-old Zangersheide stallion by Cannabis Z x Grannusso, also recorded big victories in 2015. They won the CSI 4* grand prix at the Tryon International Equestrian Center and took the top placing at the American Gold Cup CSI 4*-W.

Parot is coming off a streak of World Cup wins on the West Coast this past fall with Atlantis, a 13-year-old Zangersheide gelding by Andiamo x Royal Bravour L.

He noted, “I was very happy. My horse had a break for almost three months so it’s nice that he came out like this. It’s the first week back jumping bigger, and he was great.” ■ Jennifer Wood

“My horse is very fast and careful,” Parot described. “I had a very good summer

Grand Prize Final Results: \$86,000 Marshall & Sterling Insurance Grand Prix CSI 2*

- 1 QUALITY GIRL:** 2003 Oldenburg mare by Quidam’s Rubin x Dobrock TODD MINIKUS (USA), Quality Group: 0/0/32.41
- 2 ATLANTIS:** 2003 Zangersheide gelding by Andiamo x Dodana W SAMUEL PAROT (CHI), Samuel Parot: 0/0/36.25
- 3 CARRABIS Z:** 2003 Zangersheide stallion by Cannabis Z x Grannusso RICHIE MOLONEY (IRL), Equinimity LLC: 0/0/36.57
- 4 INDIGO:** 2000 KWPN gelding by Indoctro MARGIE ENGLE (USA), Griese, Garber, Hidden Creek & Gladewinds: 0/0/36.70
- 5 NOKIA DE BREKKA:** 2001 Selle Francais gelding by Quick Star SF x Apache d’Adriers EMANUEL ANDRADE (VEN), Emanuel Andrade: 0/0/37.14
- 6 UNTOUCHED:** 2007 Westphalian stallion by Untouchable x Capitol I NICK SKELTON (GBR), Poden Farms: 0/0/37.66
- 7 CYNAR VA:** 2007 Zangersheide gelding by Clarimo x Alcatraz JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN (USA), Stone Hill Farm: 0/0/38.19
- 8 MARTHA LOUISE:** 2004 Swedish Warmblood mare by Maloubet de Pleville x Virginia Wolf CONOR SWAIL, Ariel and Susan Grange: 0/4/33.43
- 9 ANDRETTI S:** 2005 KWPN gelding by Corland x Animo LAURA KRAUT (USA), Stars & Stripes: 0/4/34.24
- 10 BREITLING LS:** 2006 Dutch Warmblood stallion by Quintero x Accord II BEEZIE MADDEN (USA), Abigail Wexner: 0/4/35.83
- 11 BRIGHTON:** 2006 KWPN gelding by Contendro II x Quick Star TIFFANY FOSTER (CAN), Artisan Farms LLC: 0/4/37.54
- 12 BLUE ANGEL:** 2002 AES mare by Luidam x Ascendant KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Robin Parsky: 0/RET

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FACES OF WEF: A Conversation with Course Designer Catsy Cruz

Ana Catalina Harris Cruz, known as "Catsy," stands alone as the only female course designer at the Winter Equestrian Festival. The native of Monterrey, Mexico, had the top designing spot for WEF 2 in the International Arena for the first time, and we spoke with her about her riding background and what it's like to plan the tracks at WEF.



Course Designer Catsy Cruz. Photo © Lindsay Brock.

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED WITH HORSES?

I started because my mother used to ride. Since I was a kid, I'd go with her to the stables and I started to ride when I was very young.

DID YOU COMPETE?

Yes I used to compete. I used to do Three-Day Eventing; I was in the Mexican Army. I did that until I had an accident with a horse. I broke both femurs, and I was in the hospital a long time. It was very bad. My life turned around. I kept on riding (though); I still ride.

HOW DID YOU START COURSE DESIGNING?

I started to work for La Silla, the breeding farm in Monterrey. I trained horses for years. That is where I started to get involved in course design. They had big shows there in Monterrey, the Pulsar Triple Crown, and other international course designers would go to do shows. I started to assist in 1990.

You start to assist as a course designer, with anything you do, then little shows to get experience. You're always assisted by a course designer with experience. I've done a lot of seminars. When you do big shows, you show your course plans to more experienced course designers still, to show what you're doing and that it's right.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST COURSE DESIGN AT WEF?

(I designed at WEF) for the first time last year, but I did the smaller rings. I've worked here a lot at PBIEC in other shows for ESP, in the summer. I did the World Cup show in November two years ago. In the International Ring, it's my first time. It's very good experience, and I'm very privileged to be here. I know it's going to be good for Saturday night!

HOW IS DESIGNING AT WEF UNIQUE?

The number (of horses), and the quality of riders and horses. You have a list and it's one better than the other and other and other. It's a very good level. I've never built a course for such a group of good riders before.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT DESIGNING?

It's always a challenge to create something that is a nice track, that's different, that it has the questions that are necessary for the level that you're building. You have to work with your material, your lines, your distances, how to make it delicate, the colors are very important, if you're going toward or away from the in-gate. You work with all of that and you create something that is interesting for the riders, that it's a challenge for them to ride. For me, to get a good result is very important. It's all very stressful! But it's very interesting. If it works the way you want it, it's the best.

HAS YOUR RIDING BACKGROUND HELPED YOU DESIGN?

For sure. I have a feeling of the flow. I've never jumped that big; I did Eventing. But you have the flow of the horse, the knowledge of the rhythm. It's not necessary, but it helps.

WHAT COURSE DESIGNERS DID YOU LOOK UP TO?

I look up to a lot of them, but the one I have mostly worked with and I can say is my mentor is Leopoldo Palacios. Now Anthony D'Ambrosio is my good friend and he's been helping me a lot.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I enjoy movies, going on hikes, barbecues. I love to cook. I love my dog. ■

Drew Doggett's "Discovering the Horses of Sable Island" Takes Center Stage at White Horse Fashion Cuisine

Drew Doggett's "Discovering the Horses of Sable Island" gallery is set to highlight the décor of White Horse Fashion Cuisine at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) during the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival season, showcasing the creative talent of Doggett's unique style and astounding attention to detail.

In 2012, Doggett traveled to the remote coast of Nova Scotia to meet the more than 400 wild horses that roam the coasts of Sable Island freely, as they have for most of history. The rolling sand dunes and wild coastline provided an idyllic setting to capture the wild heart and untamed spirit of these majestic animals.

The herds of horses living on Sable Island survive in the harsh landscape and remain untouched and uninfluenced by the human population. The photo shoot provided an opportunity to capture the photogenic expression of nature, highlighting the co-dependent relationship between the horses and their habitat.

Doggett's gallery will be on display in White Horse Fashion Cuisine through the end of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival circuit with individual shots available for purchase. Doggett will also have a vendor booth located near the Tiki Hut beginning WEF 9 and continuing through WEF 12. Visit www.drewdoggett.com to see more. ■

Drew Doggett's work can be seen at White Horse Fashion Cuisine. © Meg Banks for ESP



WEF 2 Jumper Highlights

Hardin Towell of Camden, SC, and Cadence, owned by Jennifer Gates, LLC, found themselves atop the leaderboard in the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m, besting a class of 34 in the early morning as the second week of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) commenced. Towell and Cadence made the most of the first speed class of the day, finishing in 70.711 seconds for the win. Olympic gold medalist Eric Lamaze (CAN) finished in second aboard Check Picobello Z, crossing through the timers in 71.203 seconds, while Axelle Lagoubie (FRA) and Cesar collected third place honors for their finish in 71.513 seconds.

The Winter Equestrian Festival saw an unprecedented streak of wins last year in the Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Series by Olympic Gold Medalist Eric Lamaze of Canada. He took home five victories in the Series in 2015, including four in a row and the top placing in this same class with the same horse, Rosana du Park, owned by Artisan Farms. Lamaze topped a large jump-off field on Thursday, which included Laura Kraut (USA) on Andretti S, who placed second, and Beezie Madden (USA), who rode Breitling to third.

The class had 96 entries, and while 24 were clear to advance to the jump-off, only 20 chose to return. Setting the winning pace as the first entry back in the second round, Lamaze and Rosana du Park blazed through the course in 35.58 seconds. Finishing second in the Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup for the second week in a row were Kraut and

Andretti S, owned by Stars and Stripes. They were just off the pace in 36.35 seconds. Third place went to Madden and Breitling, owned by Abigail Wexner, in 36.66 seconds. Finishing in 37.67 seconds, Margie Engle (USA) and Indigo, owned by Griese, Garber, Hidden Creek and Gladewinds, were fourth, while Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER) and Comanche 28, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC, were fifth in 38.92 seconds.

It was a win for Venezuela's Emanuel Andrade and his own U in the \$2,500 MAYBACH - ICONS OF LUXURY High Amateur-Owner Jumper Power & Speed class. Andrade and U topped 35 in the first class of the day to take the win in their second class together after year-long break for the 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood Gelding.

Andrade was one of 21 riders to best the power portion of the track set by Course Designer Catsby Cruz of Mexico. Of the 12 pairs also clear over the speed phase, he posted a time of 32.01 seconds with 13 to compete after him. His time stood for the win with Taylor Burns and her own Cordero Z taking second in 32.66 seconds. Whitney Sorensen and Wriomf stopped the clock in 32.67 seconds to take third for owner Chris Sorensen. Alex Matz piloted D.D. Matz's Quinta to fourth in 33.44 seconds, while Tina di Landri capped the top five aboard Biallon VDL for Highpoint Farm, LLC in 33.90 seconds.

Other winners in the International Arena on Friday included Emily Moffitt and For Sale 6 who jumped to victory in the \$1,500 Sleepy P Ranch High Junior Jumper Power and

Speed for Poden Farms. Darragh Kenny and Glamour van de Kakebeek took blue in the \$6,000 Illustrated Properties 1.40m Speed Challenge for owner Tom Davidson.

Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER) and Unbelievable 5, owned by Windward Farm and Jessica Siuda, renewed their winning partnership. There were 10 clear rounds out of 54 entries in the \$35,000 Suncast® Championship Classic, and they traveled a course designed by Catsby Cruz (MEX). Michaels-Beerbaum and Unbelievable 5, a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding by Manhattan x Democraat, posted the fastest time of 34 seconds flat. Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Check Picobello Z, owned by Artisan Farms LLC and Torrey Pines, were just

behind in the standings when they set the pace in 34.64 seconds. Third place went to Chlo Getting back into form was the goal for Michaels-Beerbaum, who explained the Unbelievable 5 is just back into the main ring after a two-year absence due to injury. e Reid (USA) on Codarco in a time of 34.81 seconds. Ireland's Cian O'Connor and Sam du Challois, owned by Ronnocco Jump, Ltd. And Jean-Claude Jobin, were fourth in 35.03 seconds, while Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) rode David Gochman's Cannavaro BH to fifth place in 35.08 seconds. ■

Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum was thrilled her partner Unbelievable 5 was back in the winner's circle for the \$35,000 Suncast® Championship Classic after a two year absence. Photo © Sportfot.



WEF Week 2 Standings



Leading Lady Jumper Rider sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 4 qualifying events)

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Laura Kraut (USA): 286 | 4 Laura Chapot (USA): 189 |
| 2 Amanda Derbyshire (GBR): 214 | 5 Margie Engle (USA): 178 |
| 3 Molly Ashe-Cawley (USA): 203 | |



Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series (after 2 qualifying events)

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| 1 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER): 55 | 3 Chloe Reid (USA): 52 |
| 2 Eric Lamaze (CAN): 53 | 5 Cian O'Connor (IRL): 51 |
| 3 Abdel Said (EGY): 52 | |



Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series, presented by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatt (after 2 qualifying events)

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Katherine Strauss (USA): 94.5 | 4 Jenny Rankin (IRL): 82 |
| 2 Madison Goetzmann (USA): 86 | 5 Kelli Cruciotti (USA): 81 |
| 3 Victoria Colvin (USA): 85 | |



Hermès Talented Young Rider Award (after 4 qualifying events)

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| 1 Emanuel Andrade (VEN): 250 | 4 Tina Di Landri (USA): 118 |
| 2 Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 144 | 5 Jenny Rankin (IRL): 112 |
| 3 Katherine Strauss (USA): 128 | 5 Madison Goetzmann (USA): 112 |

WEF 2 Special Awards



Laura Chapot (left) won the Vita Flex Victory Pass Award, presented by Katie Stevenson (right).



The WEF 2 winner of the Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award, presented by Martha W. Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman, was Margie Engle. © Sportfot



Ali Boone and Otis Barbotiere won the Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award.



The Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman, went to Caribe ridden by Caelinn Leahy. © Sportfot



Carrica ridden by Holly Orlando won the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman. © Sportfot



Megan Eisenfelder won the Kastel Denmark Weekly Champion Best Turnout Award. © Sportfot



Canadian Olympic Champion Eric Lamaze (pictured) won a \$3,000 bonus during the innovative SSG Gloves 'Go Clean for the Green' promotion, during WEF 2. Lamaze topped a starting field of 96 entries in the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round II riding Rosana du Park, owned by Artisan Farms LLC. Wearing his SSG 'Digital' style riding gloves on his way to victory, Lamaze earned a bonus of \$3,000 from promotion manager Jennifer Ward in recognition of his loyalty to SSG Gloves. © Sportfot



Elena Couttenye of Equis Boutique presents Freddie Vazquez with "Best Presented Horse" Award from the FEI Horse Inspection. © Jump Media.



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