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Kaely Tomeu and Gentile Win \$25,000 Artisan Farms U25 Grand Prix Semi-Final, pres. by Seabrook LLC



Kaely Tomeu and Gentile triumphed over a tough course to win the \$25,000 Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series Semi-Final, presented by Seabrook LLC. © Sportfot

The \$25,000 Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Semi-Final, presented by Seabrook LLC, was the feature event on Friday night during week nine of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). The class had 48 entries with a four-horse jump-off and a win for Kaely Tomeu (USA) and Gentile competing under the lights in the International Ring at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC).

Alan Wade (IRL) set the course for the Under 25 riders competing under the lights on Friday night. The difficult track yielded just four clear rounds and a competitive jump-off to determine final honors. Kelli Cruciotti (USA) and Serenity Equestrian Ventures' Chamonix H were first to jump-off and cleared the track in 40.52 seconds to finish second. Kaely Tomeu and Siboney Ranch's Gentile followed with the winning round in 36.96 seconds. Juan Jose Zendejas Salgado (MEX) had one rail down in 38.53 seconds aboard Alejandro Zendejas' Hector V.D. Papendijk to finish third. Last to go, Wilton Porter (UAS) and Sleepy P Ranch LLC's Patriot dropped two rails in 37.32 seconds to finish fourth.

Tomeu (20), of Wellington, FL, trains with Shane Sweetnam and Michael Delfiandra at Sweet Oak Farm and just purchased Gentile in January. The new partnership has gone great, and Tomeu was especially excited to get the

win Friday night with her father in the crowd, who does not often get to see her compete.

"I just got her, and she has been nothing but amazing," Tomeu said of the ten-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare (Heartbreaker x Kannan). "I won our first time doing the Highs (Amateur-Owners), and was champion and won the classic three weeks ago. Then we did the U25 team event with Lacey Gilbertson, Brett Burlington, and Noelle Barry, and we were third and she was double clear. I was so excited because that was my first real show with her. We imported her in January, so I just started showing her the last week of January."

"She is a little crazy, but not out of control. She is fun crazy, and when she goes in the ring she just knows her job and she is on top of it. She is way easier in there," Tomeu said of the ride.

Speaking of the course, she commented, "Walking the course, I thought it seemed pretty straight forward and my trainer said it would be no problem, and we just went over it a lot. Then it appeared that a lot of people had a lot more problems than I thought. I think (it was) because it was under the lights and it was spooky and everybody gets more nervous, but she handled it well. I got a little too fast because my hands were slippery, but she was perfect. I liked the course a lot."

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Richie Moloney and Carrabis Z Capture \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix CSI 5*



Richie Moloney and Carrabis Z topped an eight-horse jump-off to win the third five-star grand prix of the season. © Sportfot

Ireland's Richie Moloney and Equinimity LLC's Carrabis Z were the winners of Saturday night's \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix CSI 5* during week nine of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). Competing under the lights of the International Ring at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC), Moloney topped a field of 42 starters and an eight-horse jump-off, with Sharn Wordley (NZL) and Casper in second, and Lillie Keenan (USA) aboard Super Sox third.

Alan Wade (IRL) set the track for Saturday night's main event, with eight entries clear to advance to the jump-off, and three double clear rounds. Keenan and Chansonette Farm's Super Sox set the pace over the short course with a time of 47.11 seconds to eventually earn third place honors. Wordley and the Sky Group's Casper were next to go with a faster time of 46.69 seconds. Moloney and Carrabis Z then crossed the finish line in the winning time of 45.04 seconds.

Kent Farrington (USA) and RCG Farms' Uceko, and Todd Minikus (USA) and Two Swans Farm's Babalou 41 were both faster, but had four faults along the way. Farrington and Uceko finished fourth with a score of

four in 42.65 seconds. Minikus and Babalou placed fifth with four faults in 42.67 seconds.

Moloney and Carrabis Z, a 13-year-old Zangersheide stallion (Canabis Z x Grannusso), have been a team since 2012 and have many great wins together. Most recently, the duo was part of the winning Irish team in week eight's Nations' Cup.

"When I jumped, the plan was just to try and beat who was ahead of me," Moloney said of the jump-off. "I knew there were one or two after me that would probably be faster. I was lucky enough tonight we got the win in the end. My horse deserves it. He was very unlucky last week in the grand prix. We had one down and it was probably my fault, so it was nice to come back tonight and do him justice because he deserved to be clear last week. This is his third big grand prix win in the last six months. He is a great horse for me, and he has really stepped up in the last 12 months."

Moloney thanked the sponsors of the night's class, Douglas Elliman, and also praised his owners at Equinimity LLC, including Diana and Jenji Mercer, who were there to celebrate his win.

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You're invited to the Lightning Protection 101 Educational Lunch Session on Wednesday, March 16, at 12-1:30 p.m. Bonded Lightning Protection is pleased to invite you to a free lunch and education program on Lightning Protection, in The Wellington Club. Florida receives 1.45 million lightning strikes each year. Come learn how to keep your projects safe. Space is limited! RSVP by March 11- please contact 561.746.4336 kim@bondedlightning.com.

PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Palm Beach International Academy will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the school located at 13421 South Shore Blvd. There will be an open bar and small bites served. Please RSVP by phone (561) 338-3811 or by email cwathey@pbiafl.com. We will be highlighting our Summer Academic Programs and our Year-Round Learning Opportunities.

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 17, 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 10 is "Biomechanics of the Horse's Movement and What Affects It" sponsored by Otto Sport International and Premier Equestrian. Contact Laura Bostwick at 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com for more information.

"FRIDAY NIGHT STARS" – FEI GRAND PRIX FREESTYLE CDI 4*, PRESENTED BY HAVENSAFE FARM

Dressage returns to the Global International Arena for the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival on Friday, March 18, with the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4*, presented by Havensafe Farm. Watch the top dressage horses and riders perform choreographed tests to music at the highest level. Performances by Fusion Opera from West Palm Beach complement the night. Gates open at 6 p.m., competition starts at 7 p.m. General Admission and parking are free!

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" – \$130,000 HORSEWARE IRELAND GRAND PRIX CSI 3*

Under the lights of the International Arena at PBIEC, the "Saturday Night Lights" series continues with the \$130,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI 3* on Saturday, March 19. Gates open at 6 p.m., the class starts at 7:30 p.m., and there is free general admission.

AMERICAN EQUESTRIANS GOT TALENT FINALE

American Equestrians Got Talent brings together equestrians from all disciplines to show off their non-horse-related talents and compete for a \$5,000 top prize. Contestants have earned their spots in the Finale through a series of auditions over the past several months in Wellington. The finale is on Sunday, March 20, at 6 pm at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Their diverse talents range from singing and dancing to stand-up comedy and fire-baton twirling and the finale grand prize is \$10,000. The AEGT benefits USEF High Performance programs through the USET Foundation.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WEEKS 11 & 12 UPCOMING EVENTS

CORNELL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE EVENT

Please join Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and Richard Schechter of Bainbridge Co. for a cocktail along with brief faculty presentations at The Wellington Club, Thursday, March 24, from 6:30-8 p.m. We will gather to talk about equine recovery post-surgery/anesthesia, and offer a fresh perspective on possible causes and solutions for this problem. To Register, go to bit.ly/WellingtonTalk and for more information, contact Alison Rose Smith at ars1@cornell.edu.

AREA GAMES FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Athletes from Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, and Broward counties will be competing in the Area Games for Special Olympics on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Van Kampen Covered Arena at The Stadium at PBIEC (AGDF show grounds). Approximately 100 riders will compete in English or Western Equitation, Trail and Obstacle, Dressage, and Pole Bending (a speed and agility class). Come support them as they compete to qualify for the State Games.

EQUILINE BRUNCH AT DERBY FIELD

Equiline welcomes all exhibitors and spectators to join them for a light brunch at the Tiki Tower on the Derby Field during the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series Final, presented by Equiline, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. Equiline is proud to be an Official and Major Sponsor of the 2016 WEF, as well as a participating sponsor of the Artisan Farms U25 series. They welcome everyone to celebrate these talented young riders and how their futures will define our sport.

GEORGE MORRIS BOOK SIGNING

The Winter Equestrian Festival is proud to host a book signing with George Morris for his new book, "Unrelenting – The Real Story: Horses, Bright Lights, and My Pursuit of Excellence," written with Karen Robertson Terry. The book signing will be



Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Suites offer prime viewing, a full buffet, and premium bar options in a semi-private suite. Each suite accommodates up to 22 people, or just buy individual tickets or tables. The Suites are available for \$150 per person for WEF 10 – March 19, WEF 11- March 26, and for \$200 per person during the CSI 5* weeks: 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.

held on Sunday, March 27, at the derby field at The Stadium at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (AGDF show grounds). Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the WEF Boutique.

RIDE & LEARN WITH DARRAGH KENNY

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 12 features top show jumper Darragh Kenny

teaching jumpers, with location TBD at either the PBIEC Ring 7 or PBRA/AGDF grass field on Tuesday, March 31. The clinic is sponsored by Equiline 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.

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Tomeu has been competing in the U25 Series for the last couple of years and has gained great experience from doing the different classes.

"It teaches you to definitely stay humble," she stated. "I am not going to go out thinking I am going to win them all. My new horse, I owe it all to her, and Shane Sweetnam who found her. It worked out for us tonight. It was definitely tricky, but I liked it. It was her kind of round."

Kelli Cruciotti (18), of Parker, CO, was aboard her longtime mount Chamonix H for her second place finish Friday night. Trained by her mother, Cindy Cruciotti, and Peter Lutz, Cruciotti guided the 15-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare (Equest Carnute x Caletto II) to double clear rounds and was happy with her night.

"When I walked the course, I thought it

was definitely going to be hard," Cruciotti admitted. "It was big and it was under the lights, which adds another element. It was pretty technical, and the time allowed was tight enough that you were thinking about it. I had in my head six clear, and it ended up being four, but I thought it was an amazing group of four. The horses jumped amazing, and I knew the jump-off was going to be really fast.

"My horse is not naturally very fast and I knew I had to try a little bit, but go on the safe side going first," Cruciotti said of her jump-off. "I think I was a little conservative in a couple places, but going first you have to kind of gamble with how fast you want to go. [I watched] Kaely's round. It was amazing and huge congratulations to her."

Cruciotti also spoke of the experience that she has gained competing in the U25 Series, stating, "It is obviously a great

experience no matter what horse you have. A young horse can gain invaluable experience under the lights, or I have the pleasure of riding a very seasoned horse. For her, it adds a little more element, so she is a little bit more impressed. I thought it was a great class with a lot of fantastic horses, and I am lucky to be here."

Juan Jose Zendejas Salgado (22), of Wellington, FL, was aboard Hector V.D. Papendijk, a nine-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Wandor Van De Mispelaere x Rabiat Z) for his third place finish. The rider, originally from Mexico, trains with Ilan Ferder and is competing in the series for the first time this year.

Speaking of his mount, Salgado detailed, "He is a young horse. He is a little bit green, and I am very happy with how he jumped today under the lights. It is very hard sometimes; the horses get very spooky. The

first round he did amazing; he was jumping great. In the jump-off, I took the risk. I got pressured by the girls and I had the rail, but I am very happy and congratulations to the girls.

"I used to live in Mexico and I just moved here," the rider explained. "It is my first year doing the Under 25, and it is a very good experience because it is a whole series. This was the semi-final; it was a pretty tough course, and I think jumping under the lights is a great experience for us."

Presented by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatté, the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series will have its final event during WEF 11, the \$50,000 CSI-U25 Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Final, presented by Equiline, held on the derby field at The Stadium at PBIEC on Saturday, March 26.

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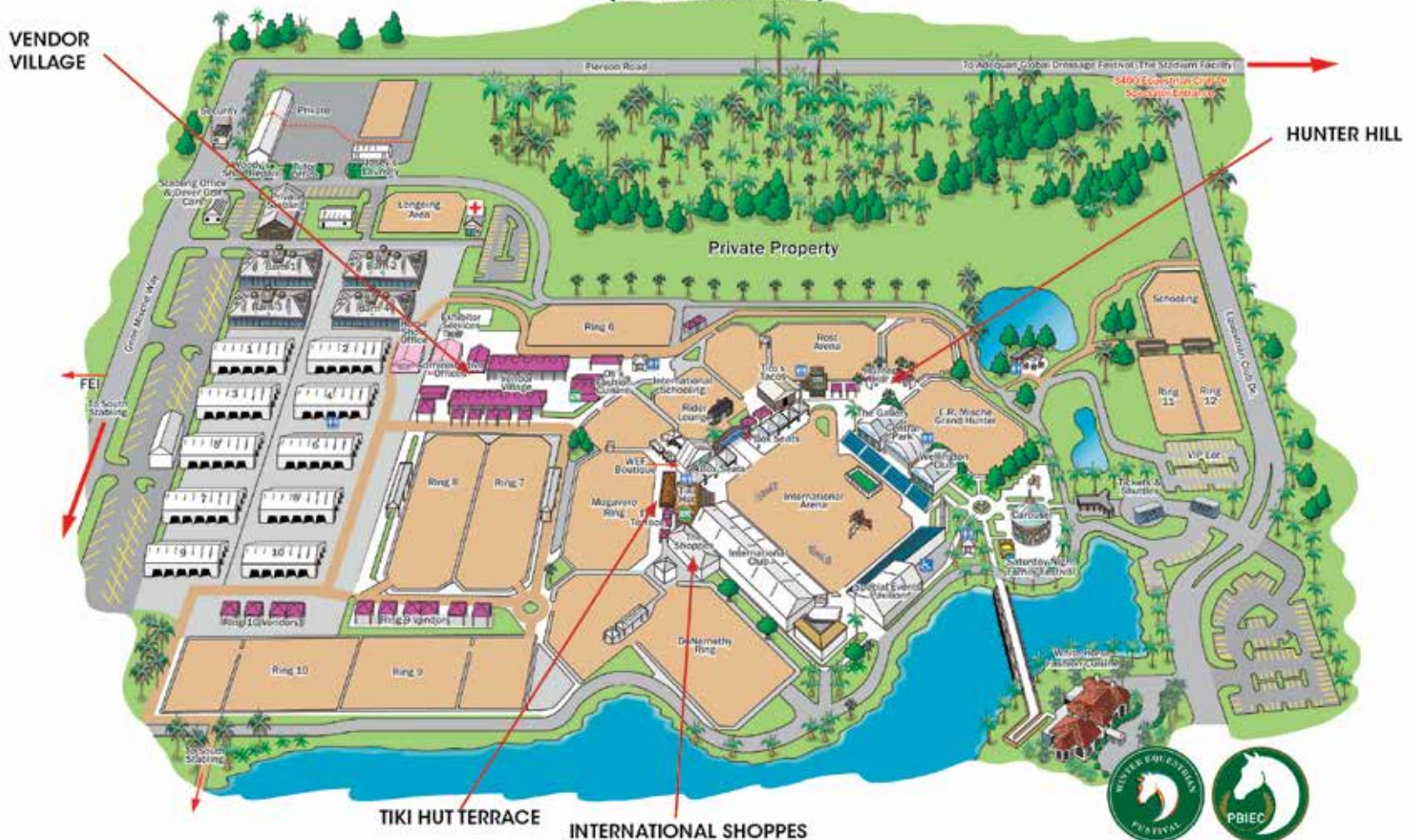
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WEF Winners Photo Gallery



The \$5,000 "Give a Buck" Small Pony Hunter Derby Classic victory went to Kat Fuqua and Goldhill's Arresting Charm.



Claudia Freeman and Dreamland were victorious in the \$5,000 "Give a Buck" Large Pony Hunter Derby Classic.



Katherine Willner and Cedarglen's Master Plan were champions in the Walk/Trot division at WEF 8.



Emily Aitken rode Woodlands Stevie Ray to the win in the \$5,000 "Give a Buck" Medium Pony Hunter Derby Classic.

Josselyn Mersereau and Kowabunga Kitty were the Nutrena Low Child/Adult Training Jumper champions.



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WEF 9 Award Photo Gallery



Reed Kessler (pictured), Kelsey Thatcher and Mckayla Langmeier all earned bonus money in the SSG Gloves "Go Clean for the Green" promotion during WEF IX. Kessler earned her second \$3,000 SSG bonus of the season thanks to some quick thinking before Thursday's \$130,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round IX. "I reached in my bag before the class and realized that my mom had borrowed my gloves," said Kessler. "I knew I better wear them, so I called her and asked her to bring them over. It was a twist of fate, and I was lucky I did that!" © Jump Media



Liubov Kochetova and Balou du Reventon are presented with the Equis Boutique "Best Presented Horse" Award by Elena Couttenye during Week 9 © Jump Media



Catherine Wu rode Ren Round Number to the champion ribbon in the FarmVet Adult Amateur Modified Jumpers and was presented with the Best Turnout Award by Kastel Denmark.

The Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award, presented by Martha W. Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman, to Margie Engle for her consistent performances during WEF 9. © Sportfot



Kelsey Thatcher and Everything won The Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman. Fun and Scott Stewart were the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award winners. © Sportfot

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Richie Moloney and Carrabis Z were presented with the Herman "Kappy" Kaplan Perpetual Memorial Trophy.



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"The Mercer family are great owners and great people to work for," he acknowledged. "I appreciate them very much, and it is nice to give them this win here tonight. I have been there five years, and you could not find better people to work for."

For Sharn Wordley, the night's second place finish was fantastic with his mount Casper, a ten-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Contender x Baloubet du Rouet). Wordley spoke of his strategy for the jump-off, stating, "Because it was his first really big class under the lights, my strategy was just to go clear and medium fast because I was hoping the end result was people would try to go a little faster and have some rails down. Then I would get results without actually having to use my horse up too much. I got lucky and he got second, which is pretty exciting in a five-star."

Lillie Keenan was excited to get a third place finish in the night's class with her mount Super Sox, a ten-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Salito x Silvio I. Keenan (19) is currently in her freshman year at Harvard University and splitting time between Boston and Wellington throughout the winter. She attended classes Monday through Wednesday, and flew to Florida on

Thursday to compete in the WEF Challenge Cup, which is the grand prix qualifier. Keenan also switched trainers this season and began riding with Ireland's Cian O'Connor as she moves up to competing at the higher level. Saturday night was Keenan's first five-star with Super Sox and a great finish.

"I have had him for almost two years now and I have to say, he is a special horse, but the program I have behind me makes all the difference," Keenan stated. "The background team is on a level unlike any other I have ever seen. I was only jumping that horse over the summer in two-star and three-star grand prix, really trying to work on my rideability, my flatwork, and my position and effectiveness, and two months ago Cian told me, 'When we get to Wellington, you are going to jump a five-star and you are going to jump double-clear'. I do not know if he has a crystal ball, but he certainly knows how to plan and aim for a class, so it is really exciting for me. It is my first five-star on the horse, it is the first time I have ever jumped clear in a five-star, and it is the best result I have ever had in Wellington in a night class, so it is a night of firsts."

Don Langdon, Managing Broker

at Douglas Elliman for Palm Beach and Wellington, was on hand for the competition and spoke of the great relationship Douglas Elliman has with equestrian sport.

"It is such an outstanding thing for me to come to an event like this in Wellington," Langdon stated. "I have been here for 30 some years and worked on the development and the real estate side for many years. I played basketball in college, but I did not realize what great athletes these riders all are. Over the past ten years, I have started to realize that, and I compliment all of them on that. What we try to do at Douglas Elliman is align ourselves with high-end sports and

the arts. Sponsoring WEF is fantastic because it is 12 weeks and we get to enjoy that. It is a perfect platform for our company and for me especially, it is a special thing to be a part of the sport and give back to all of the people in it."

For their win, Moloney and Carrabis Z earned the Herman 'Kappy' Kaplan Perpetual Memorial Trophy. Carrabis Z's grooms, Gabriel Barcena and Rodrigo Pimentel, also shared the Groom's Initiative Award presented by Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of Wellington Equestrian Partners, to reward their dedication and hard work as an integral member of the winning team. ■ Lauren Fisher



\$1,000 SHAPLEY'S GROOMS' CLASS
On Friday, March 18, at approximately 3:00pm, the second \$1,000 Shapley's Groom's Class of the season will be held. Time to be confirmed and announced by Thursday - at Ring 8. Please fill out an entry form in the Horse Show Office and don't miss your chance to show off your skills and win great prizes!

Final Results: \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix CSI 5*

1. CARRABIS Z: 2003 Zangersheide stallion by Canabis Z x Grannusso
 RICHIE MOLONEY (IRL), Equinimity LLC: 0/0/45.04
2. CASPER: 2006 Oldenburg gelding by Contender x Baloubet du Rouet
 SHARN WORDLEY (NZL), Sky Group: 0/0/46.69
3. SUPER SOX: 2006 Hanoverian gelding by Salito x Silvio I
 LILLIE KEENAN (USA), Chansonette Farm LLC: 0/0/47.11
4. UCEKO: 2001 KWPN gelding by Celano x Koriander
 KENT FARRINGTON (USA), RCG Farm: 0/4/42.65
5. BABALOU 41: 2005 Oldenburg mare by Balou du Rouet x Silvio I
 TODD MINIKUS (USA), Two Swans Farm: 0/4/42.67
6. S F ARIANTHA: 2005 KWPN mare by Corland x Emilion
 HARDIN TOWELL (USA), Jennifer Gates LLC: 0/4/45.90
7. LILLI: 2004 Brandenburg mare by Lefevre x Diamir
 GEORGINA BLOOMBERG (USA), Gotham Enterprizes LLC: 0/4/49.33
8. CALVIN KLEIN: 2004 Swedish Warmblood gelding by Cardento x Feliciano
 JONATHON MILLAR (CAN), Millar Brooke Farm Ltd: 0/8/47.47
9. ATLANTIS: 2003 Zangersheide gelding by Andiamo x Royal Bravour L
 SAMUEL PAROT (CHI), Samuel Parot: 4/80.40
10. FINE LADY 5: 2003 Hanoverian mare by Forsyth x Drosselklang II
 ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Artisan Farms LLC: 4/81.74
11. ROYCE: 2004 Oldenburg stallion by Café au Lait x Grandilot
 MARGIE ENGLE (USA), Elm Rock LLC: 4/81.82
12. HH AZUR: 2006 Belgian Sport Horse mare Thunder van de Zuuthoeve x Sir Lui
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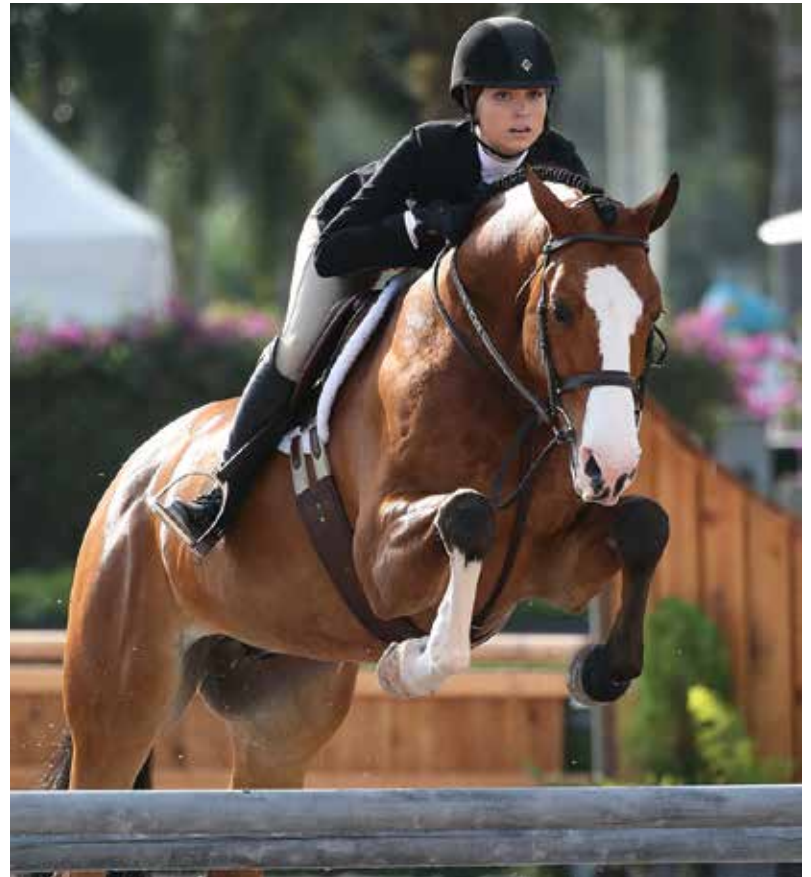
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Top Hunter and Equitation Competition Continues at WEF 9



Lexi Maounis and Fetching won the Osphos® Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunter championship at WEF 9. ©Sportfot

It was a close battle for championship honors in The Bainbridge Companies Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 division. Kelly Tropin took home the champion tricolor with her mount Chablis after winning both over fences classes on Saturday. Tropin also placed second and third over fences on Friday and earned a third in the under saddle. Chablis is an eight-year-old Württemberger gelding. Callie Seaman piloted her mount Skorekeeper, a 12-year-old Warmblood gelding, to the reserve title. The pair won both over fences classes on Friday and placed second over jumps on Saturday.

The professional riders also showed off their talented horses this week. Christopher Payne and Truman were crowned champions of the Equine Tack and Nutritionals Second Year Green Hunter division. Payne earned two blues and two second place ribbons over fences along with a win in the under saddle class. Truman is a nine-year-old Westphalian gelding owned by Debbie Bass and Maypine Farm. Maria Rasmussen rode Memorable, an eight-year-old Warmblood gelding, to the reserve title. Rasmussen earned a first, fourth, and two fifth place ribbons over fences and a second place finish in the under saddle aboard the Over Fences Farm LLC-owned gelding.

Thoroughbred hunters showed off their jumping abilities in the Take2 Thoroughbred Hunter 3' division. Parker Wright and Brownsablaze earned the champion title this week, topping three of the four over fences classes and placing second in another. Brownsablaze, a gelding owned by

Team Brownsablaze, also earned a second place ribbon in the under saddle. Hunter Kay earned the reserve champion title with Lions Paw. The 2003 gelding owned by Daniel Robertshaw topped the under saddle and one of the four over fences classes. He also earned two second place ribbons and a third over jumps.

Junior exhibitors battled it out for the victory in the EnTrust Capital Small Junior Hunters 16-17. Samantha Wight and her mount Chromeo captured the championship after earning three second place ribbons and a third over fences. Chromeo, who is a ten-year-old Hanoverian gelding, also topped the under saddle class. Eliza Bienstock rode her own Playlist to the reserve title, winning two of the four over fences classes and also placing fifth and eighth. The 11-year old Swedish Warmblood gelding also took home a third place ribbon in the under saddle.

Competition was fierce in the equitation ring as well this week. Sydney Hutchins claimed the Alessandro Albanese sponsored Equitation 15-17 championship aboard Diego. Hutchins topped the flat phase and both over fences classes with the six-year-old Hanoverian gelding. Lilly Higgins and Woodacres Stables LLC's Common Sense took home the reserve title. Higgins placed second in both over fences classes with the ten-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding.

Hunter and equitation competition will resume on Wednesday, March 16, with the tenth week of competition at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center. ■ Callie Seaman

Faces of WEF: Steven Wilde

Steven Wilde is the voice of horse sport at international show jumping events spanning the globe. But, for several weeks during the height of WEF competition, he sets roots in Wellington, FL. Growing up surrounded by the equestrian industry in the United Kingdom, Wilde's mother was an international competitor and his father ran shows. It was a lineage that Wilde couldn't shake.

"When I was young, my parents threw golf clubs at me and told me to 'go do something sensible,'" admits Wilde. "But, I found by way back to horses."

While Wilde did take pieces of his parents' advice and graduated from Cardiff University with an economics in business degree, he naturally followed the path they had blazed. That path let him to settle into a niche all his own as announcer and commentator at events from Europe to North America and beyond.



HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT STEVEN WILDE:

WHAT WAS YOUR EARLIEST INVOLVEMENT WITH HORSES?

It's a long family association that evolved over the years as the sport evolved and became truly global. I grew up surrounded by the likes of Nick Skelton, David Broome, and John Whitaker. I rode a bit, but I much preferred being out of the saddle rather than in it.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST SHOW YOU COMMENTATED AT?

Kelvin Bywater, who was here a few weeks ago course building, ran the winter championships for show jumping and dressage back in the UK, and he told me to give commentating a go. I said I would come and try a class or two. A week later, he phoned me to say I would be commentating the whole winter championships and I would be fine. He said Philip Billington, who was a great mentor of mine, would be sitting alongside me and would make sure I didn't make a complete mess of it. I did it, and that was my first gig.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

As a commentator, you get to be involved with the crowd and be a fan if you like. That gives me a big buzz. But, to be a part of that and yell them home off the last fence, that gives me a huge adrenaline rush.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT WEF?

Sunshine. Also, wherever I go in the world it's about the horses, and the level of competition here is absolutely phenomenal. You experience the big stage here.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MOMENTS COMMENTATING AT WEF?

The first Nations' Cup I did four years ago. That was unbelievable. The crowds were so heated. Also, McLain (Ward) winning a few weeks ago on HH Azur. And, Daniel Deusser winning a 5* here a few years ago. The speed of that jump-off was like nothing I had seen. I came back to Europe saying, "You can't believe what is going on over there. It's not just fast, it's another gear and a half."

WHAT DO YOU NEED IN THE ANNOUNCER BOOTH TO GET THROUGH THE DAY?

A sense of humor. We've got a great team up there that are hugely knowledgeable – one of the best I work with anywhere across the globe. Those guys are ones you can have a laugh with, but are very professional. It's nice to work with those people and that gets you through the day.

HOW MANY FREQUENT FLYER MILES DO YOU HAVE?

It's in the hundreds of thousands. I think I've got a half million or more sitting there right now.

HOW MANY FUN PAIRS OF SOCKS DO YOU OWN?

A little like the air miles, it's a lot. I have to be honest, they grow and grow because every time I go through an airport I pick up a pair at one of the shops. ■



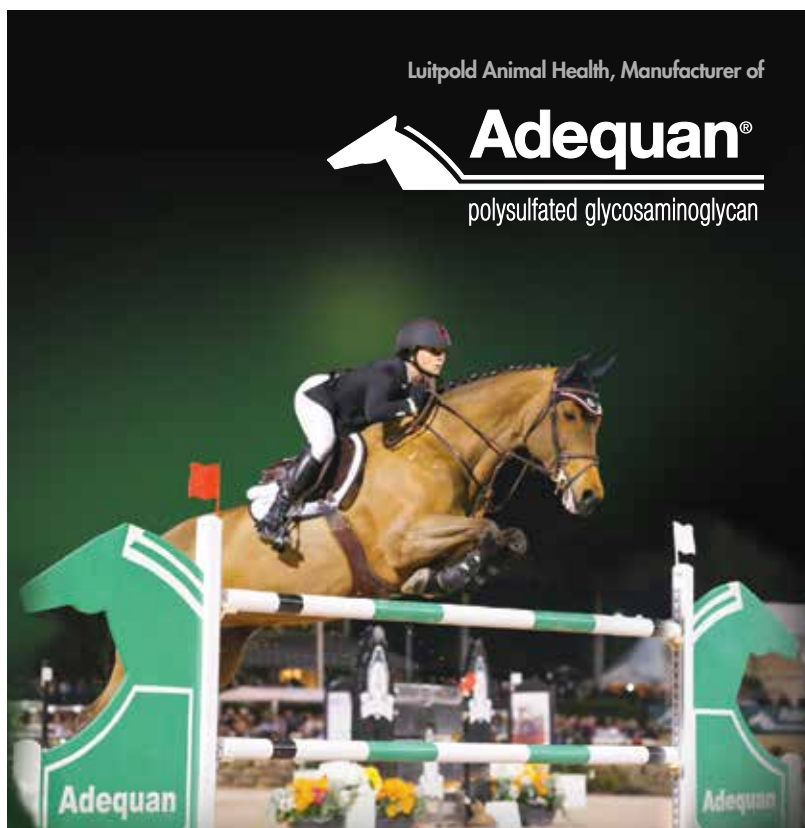
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WEF 9 Jumper Highlights

Week nine of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), sponsored by Douglas Elliman Real Estate, began Wednesday morning at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) with a win for Ireland's Shane Sweetnam and Cyklon 1083 in the \$35,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m Jumper Classic. The fastest time belonged to Sweetnam aboard Spy Coast Farm LLC's Cyklon 1083 in 59.25 seconds.

Conor Swail (IRL) and Susan and Ariel Grange's Dillinger finished second in 59.76 seconds. Samuel Parot (CHI) and Couscous van Orti placed third in 60.93 seconds, and Lisa Goldman (USA) and Morocco took fourth place honors in 61.88 seconds.

Also competing in the International Ring on Wednesday, the \$6,000 1.40m speed, sponsored by Illustrated Properties, was held in a California split with a win for Laura Chapot (USA) aboard Mary Chapot's Shooting Star in Section A, and Julie Welles (USA) riding Poden Farms' Double Quick in Section B.

Week nine continued on Thursday with a win for Reed Kessler (USA) and Cylana in the \$130,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 9. It was Kessler and Cylana's second win of the series in 2016 after also topping the \$130,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 5.

Alan Wade (IRL) set the track for 74 starters, with seven clear rounds. In the jump-off, Margie Engle (USA) and Elm Rock LLC's Royce set the pace with a clear round in 44.88 seconds to eventually finish third. Fabio Leivas (BRA) and Marco Antonio Alencar's Fape Fox Trot VD Padenborre jumped into second place with their round in 44.64 seconds. Kessler and Cylana followed with the winning time of 43.51 seconds.

Also competing in the International Ring on Thursday, the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m jump-off class was held with a win for Conor Swail (IRL) aboard Susan and Ariel Grange's Cita. The \$2,500 MAYBACH - ICONS OF LUXURY High Amateur-Owner Jumper speed class was also held in the afternoon with a win for Rogelio Pellerano and Precieuse Platiere.

The \$35,000 Illustrated Properties 1.45m Jumper Classic was held at the Winter Equestrian Festival on Friday morning with a win for Lisa Goldman (USA) and Morocco. There were 52 entries over Wade's one-round speed track with 15 clear trips.

Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and Spy Coast Farm's Cyklon 1083 set the early pace in 57.29 seconds to eventually finish third. Goldman and Morocco took the lead in their time of 54.84 seconds. Andrew Ramsay (USA) later jumped into second place with his second mount, Shalanno Farms' Welfare, in a time of 56.44 seconds.

Also competing in the International Ring on Friday, the \$6,000 Illustrated Properties 1.40m Speed Challenge was held in a California Split with a win for Ronan McQuingan (IRL) and Capall Zidane in Section A, and Denise Vusckovic and Americo Simonetti's A S D Farfala in Section B.

On Saturday, Brianne Link and Wednesday Mornin were victorious in the \$1,500 Sleepy P Ranch High Junior Jumper speed class, and Kelsey Thatcher and Pony Lane Farm's Everything topped the \$15,000 MAYBACH - ICONS OF LUXURY SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic. The \$1,500 Martha Jolicoeur, Douglas Elliman Low Amateur-Owner Jumper speed class was held in a California Split with a wins for Olivia Chowdry and Cosma 20 in Section A, and Madeline Thatcher with Pony Lane Farm's Skilliane de Varnel in Section B.

Week nine of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival concluded on Sunday, March 13, with a win for Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Rosana du Park in the \$86,000 Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic. Kent Farrington (USA) and Aron S finished second, and Olivier Robert (FRA) and Quenelle du Py placed third.

Also competing in the International Ring on Sunday, Mckayla Langmeier and the Charlie Group's Charlie were victorious in the \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch SJHOF High Junior Jumper Classic. Langmeier also went on to win the \$10,000 Hollow Creek Farm Medium Junior Jumper Classic aboard Linda Langmeier's Durosa W.

Eric Lamaze and Rosana du Park extended their winning streak to the \$86,000 Suncast® Championship Jumper Classic at WEF 9. © Sportfot



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WEF 9 Award Standings

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| 1 Tiffany Foster (CAN): 800 | (GER): 762 |
| 2 Laura Kraut (USA): 780 | 4 Margie Engle (USA): 696 |
| 3 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum | 5 Beezie Madden (USA): 588 |



Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series
(after 9 qualifying events)

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| 1 Eric Lamaze (CAN): 338 | 4 Kent Farrington (USA): 234 |
| 2 Shane Sweetnam (IRL): 325 | 5 Lorenzo de Luca (ITA): 226 |
| 3 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER): 294 | |



Hermès Talented Young Rider Award
(after 45 qualifying events)

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| 1 Jessica Springsteen (USA): 657 | 4 Lillie Keenan (USA): 460 |
| 2 Chloe Reid (USA): 504 | 5 Emanuel Andrade (VEN): 445 |
| 3 Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 471 | |



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| 1 Kelli Cruciotti (USA): 241.5 | 4 Lucas Porter (USA): 193 |
| 2 Madison Goetzmann (USA): 232 | 5 Tina Yates (USA): 187.75 |
| 3 Lucy Deslauriers (USA): 206.5 | |

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| \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch SJHOF High Junior Jumpers – Mckayla Langmeier and Charlie | \$10,000 Engel & Völkers Adult Jumpers 36-49 – Stephanie Balducci and Chica 170 |
| \$10,000 Animo USA Medium Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Alex Matz and Zwelgje | \$10,000 Maria Mendelsohn, Douglas Elliman Low Junior Jumpers – Emily Smith and Morning de Reve |
| \$10,000 Martha Jolicoeur, Douglas Elliman Low Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Alexandra Duval and X M | \$10,000 Hollow Creek Farm Medium Junior Jumpers – Mckayla Lagmeier and Durosa W |
| \$10,000 Rosenbaum Mollengarden | \$10,000 Horseware Ireland Don Little Masters – Guy Hodgson and Lord Arthur 1916 |

Week 9 Jumper Champions:

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| Palm Beach International Academy Children's Jumper 14 & Under – Taje Warrick and Dersey | Equiline Low Adult Jumper 18-35 – Lorraine MacGuinness and Russian Gold |
| Equis Children's Jumper 15-17 – Phoebe Alwine and Zenith Dance | Pegasus Builders Low Adult Jumper 36 & Over – Roger Smith and Darco Two |
| Griffis Residential Children's Modified Jumpers – Dagny Mactaggart and Zsa Zsa K | Tucci by Newstar Low Children's Jumper – Moani Moreira-Laiberre and Billy Bella |
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Fourth Annual WEF Sport Horse Auction Finds Great Success in 2016

The 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) Sport Horse Auction concluded on the evening of Thursday, March 3, with a full pavilion of spectators and bidders taking part in the fourth annual edition of the auction at The Stadium at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC). Fifteen of the 16 prospects selected by VDL Stud were presented and each were purchased at the conclusion of the evening.

While horses ranged in age and experience, the impeccable breeding lines of each VDL Stud prospect imported for the event every year offer North American buyers an incredible opportunity to purchase some of the world's finest horses through the WEF Sport Horse Auction.

VDL Gino S (Kashmir van Schuttershof x Pandora S) was the evening's top dollar purchase, after a strong bidding war ensued for the refined chestnut gelding. The only stallion offered at the event, Quintin VDL (Quaprice Z x Thamara) was purchased by Susan and Ariel Grange of Lothlorien Farm, who expand their collection of WEF Sport Horse Auction graduates each year.

The auction has developed tremendously since its inception four years ago, presenting both professional

and amateur riders the ability and opportunity to invest in quality mounts destined to excel in the hunter and jumper disciplines.

"We are thrilled with the results of this year's auction. Attracting new buyers and retaining previous buyers is what drives the success of this sale," said Melanie Peterson, organizer of the event. "We have seen our graduates succeed in arenas all over the world and know that this year's horses are sure to be stars as well."

A variety of buyers purchased new talent, including Robin Parsky with Beth Johnson of Louisburg Farm, who walked away from the evening as the new co-owners of VDL Gino.

"This was the first auction we've ever been to, and we were very impressed with the size and the crowd. It was very well-attended, and everyone seemed very interested in the horses," commented Robin Parsky, as she described the evening. "The quality of horses this year was truly incredible."

Parsky and Johnson visited with VDL Gino at Ossian Ventures and after the trial, both felt his natural ability and talent were unsurpassable. Parsky elaborated, "We tried Gino, and he rode just beautifully and displayed



Robin Parsky and Paul Butterworth of Louisburg Farm with VDL Gino at the WEF Sport Horse Auction. Photo © Meg Banks.

such tremendous power. He's also so kind and gentle. He's settled in so nicely at Beth's farm and is just a pleasure to be around."

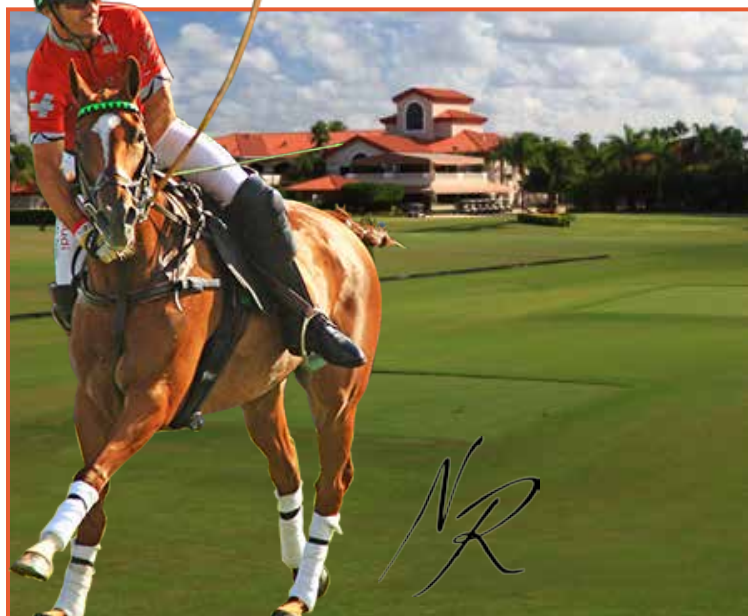
In 2017, the auction will again feature a talented lot of hunter and jumper prospects sourced by VDL Stud and will also offer a number of quality young dressage horses presented by the Westphalian Stud Book.

Along with Peterson, the WEF Sport Horse Auction was produced by the team at Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP). ESP looks forward to producing a fantastic event once again in 2017.

For more information on the WEF Sport Horse Auction and to see a full list of results from this year's event, please visit www.wefsporthorseauction.com or contact Melanie Peterson at Melanie@horsemls.com. ■ Carly Weilminster

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SPRING 7 (JUNE 1-JUNE 5)
HUNTER AA LEVEL 6 CSI 3*

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HUNTER A LEVEL 4

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