



WEEK 11 🐾 March 23-27, 2016

# WEEKLY WIRE

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## Hunter Competition Still Going Strong at WEF 10



In the early morning fog, Kelley Farmer continued her winning ways at WEF in the High Performance Hunters with So To Speak. © Sportfot

With only two weeks of the WEF circuit left, hunter competition remains fierce. Amateur rider Hunter Kay kicked off his week winning the championship honors in the Adult Amateur Hunter 18-35 Section A division, which was presented by Asheville Regional Airport. Kay piloted 16-year-old Euro Sport Warmblood mare Temptation to impressive wins in all four of the over fences classes. Temptation, who is owned by Jill Knowles, also placed sixth in the under saddle. Brooke Cole and her own Poetic Justis settled for the reserve title after placing second in all four over fences classes. Cole and her 17-year-old Hanoverian gelding also topped the under saddle class.

Some of WEF's youngest and greenest horses also battled for championship honors this week. Jimmy Torano and Centerfold were victorious in the Nutrena Baby Green Hunter division, taking home four blue ribbons over fences. Centerfold is a nine-year-old Hanoverian mare owned by Mary Ronald. Sea Cloud and Denise Monopoli earned the reserve title after earning two seconds and a fourth place finish over fences.

The six-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding, owned by Kiara Barnett, also finished second in the under saddle.

WEF's youngest exhibitors duked it out for the championship title in the Carolex Stables Cross Rails Hunter Younger division. Taylor Cawley and Ju-Ju B took home the top tricolor award after placing first and second over fences and earning a second place ribbon in the under saddle. Ju-Ju B is an 11-year-old Welsh Pony Cross gelding owned by Francesca Dildabanian. J.J. Torano rode Bill Schaub's Mighty Mouse to the reserve title. Torano and Mighty Mouse placed third in the under saddle and second in both over fences classes.

The professional divisions continued to be competitive this week as well. Kelley Farmer sustained her winning streak aboard Like I Said in the Equine Tack and Nutritionals First Year Green Working Hunters. Farmer took home the championship tricolor aboard the eight-year-old Mecklenburg mare owned by Pony Lane Farm. Farmer and Like I Said earned two blues, a second, and a third place ribbon over fences on their way to the championship

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## Lorenzo de Luca Scores First WEF Grand Prix Win in \$130,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI 3\*



Ensor de Litrange LXII, in its first FEI competition, won the \$130,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI 3\* with Lorenzo de Luca. © Sportfot

It was a day of firsts for Italy's Lorenzo de Luca as the 28-year-old rider guided Ensor de Litrange LXII to victory in the \$130,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI 3\* on Saturday during week ten of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). It was the rider's first grand prix win at the Winter Equestrian Festival on a new horse that he was riding in its very first FEI competition. It was also only the pair's second jump-off together, as they topped a seven-horse tiebreaker, with Emily Short (USA) and Coco II finishing second, and Sharn Wordley (NZL) and Barnetta placing third.

Michel Vaillancourt (CAN) set the grand prix course for 45 starters competing in the International Ring at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, with seven clear rounds to proceed to the jump-off, and five double clears.

Emily Short and her own Coco II were first to advance to the jump-off, setting the pace with a clear round in 42.75 seconds. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA) and Starlight Farms' Helios jumped next with one rail down in 42.57 seconds to eventually finish seventh. Blythe Marano and Riverview Farms' Quabelle followed with a clear round in 44.18 seconds to earn fourth place honors. Vanessa Mannix (CAN) and her own Rubens LS La Silla also cleared the short course in 45.31 seconds to place fifth.

Lorenzo de Luca and Ensor de Litrange LXII jumped next, clocking the winning round in 40.61 seconds. Sharn Wordley followed with the third place time of 43.85 seconds aboard the Sky Group's Barnetta. Last to go, Eric Lamaze had the time in 40.00 seconds, but dropped one rail with his brand new mount Chacco Kid, owned by the Chacco Kid Group, to finish sixth.

Ensor de Litrange LXII is a 12-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Nabab de Reve x Mr. Blue) owned in partnership by Stephex Stables, Stal Lansink, and Lorenzo de Luca. The gelding was previously ridden by Belgium's Jos Lansink and moved to de Luca in November.

"It is a new horse for me," de Luca explained. "I started doing some small classes with him, and then in WEF 6 I started to do just national classes with him. This is the first FEI class that he has jumped with me, so I am really happy about that."

"He is a fantastic horse. He is very scopey and really careful," de Luca continued. "He has a little bit of special technique in front, but you know that he really wants to do a good job. He has very good balance. I did not think that I could be fast in the jump-off because I did one jump-off in a national 1.45m class with him and that is it. This is my

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# ARTISAN FARMS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES FINAL SHOWCASES NEXT GENERATION OF GRAND PRIX SUPERSTARS

Now in its sixth year at the Winter Equestrian Festival, the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series, presented by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatte, has proven to be a launching pad for young show jumping talent. Past winners include 2012 U.S. Olympian Reed Kessler and two-time World Cup Finalist Nayel Nassar of Egypt as well as Chloe D. Reid, Victoria Colvin and Lucy Deslauriers, three rising talents who have already represented the U.S. in international competition.

Offering a total of \$170,000 in prize money, the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series is open to competitors of all nationalities aged 25 and under. Sanctioned by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), the Series sees riders competing against their peers at the 1.45m level under FEI rules.

Developed as a bridge to the international level of grand prix competition, the Series offers all of the components of international competition without the pressure of going head-to-head against seasoned professionals and Olympic athletes. With varying conditions offered for each class, riders have the opportunity to compete on grass, all-weather footing, under the lights at night, and in team competition; all important elements that competitors will face as their international careers progress.

"The Series has been more successful than we could have hoped, regularly attracting more than 60 entries for every event," said Carlene Ziegler of Artisan Farms who, together with her husband, Andy, was the driving force behind the creation of the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series. "We are also thrilled that the USEF now recognizes the 'Under 25' division; it has filled a void in the sport for future Grand Prix stars."

Part of the Ziegler family's goal was

to encourage other sponsors to come forward and augment support for the seven events comprising the Series. To that end, several sponsors stepped forward to strengthen the efforts of title sponsor Artisan Farms and presenting sponsor, The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatte. Equine Couture/Tuff Rider, EnTrust Capital, Equiline, the McNerney family, and Seabrook, LLC all sponsored classes within the 2016 Series.

Following the first six events, the top 30 riders in the point standings have been invited to contest the \$50,000 CSI-U25 Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Final, presented by Equiline. Held on the Stadium Derby Field, the Final will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, with a special Easter-themed Artisan Farms Youngest Rider Leadline competition.

The overall winning rider in the 2016 Series will be invited to compete at the CSI2\* Chantilly Horse Show, part of the Global Champions Tour, from May 26-29, 2016, in France. In addition to their entry, the winner also receives two tickets to the Chantilly VIP lounge, transportation for one horse generously provided by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatte, and layover at Artisan Farms in Vrasene, Belgium.

"We have been thrilled to sponsor the Series for a sixth year; it's been extremely gratifying to see the competition consistently getting stronger and stronger each year," said Ziegler. "We wish all competitors the best of luck for the Final."

Leading by example, Artisan Farms is committed to the continued improvement and promotion of competitive show jumping. Based in Wellington, FL, and Vrasene, Belgium, Artisan Farms is home to young professional Caitlin Ziegler, 2008 Olympic Champion Eric Lamaze, and 2015 Pan American Games team gold medalist Tiffany Foster. ■ Jennifer Ward

Lucy Deslauriers is presented as the overall winner of the 2015 Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series. Photo Credit – Starting Gate Communications



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# PBIEC Week 11 & 12 Upcoming Events:

## LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, March 24, 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 11 is "Pulsed Electromagnetic Therapy (PEMF) and the Control of Pain and Inflammation" with Deirdre Chiaramonte, DVM, sponsored by Assisi Animal Health. Contact Laura Bostwick at 561-784-1130 or laura@equestriansport.com for more information.

## 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](http://bit.ly/WellingtonTalk) and for more information, contact Alison Rose Smith at [ars1@cornell.edu](mailto:ars1@cornell.edu).

## GEORGE MORRIS EXCELLENCE IN EQUITATION CLASS

The best junior riders at WEF have been competing all season to qualify for the George Morris Excellence in Equitation class. Held Friday, March 25, at 4:30 p.m. in the International Arena, they will compete on their own with no trainers; walking the course, warming up, and heading into the ring by preparing themselves. See the young talent of WEF in this interesting class - who will rise to the top this year?

## ARTISAN FARMS YOUNGEST RIDER LEADLINE

A special Easter-themed Leadline class presented by Artisan Farms will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, on the Derby Field at The Stadium at PBIEC. Little riders on ponies and horses will ride for ribbons and great prizes in this entertaining exhibition. Stay to watch the best Under 25 show jumpers immediately following!

## \$50,000 ARTISAN FARMS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX SERIES FINAL, PRESENTED BY EQUILINE

The top 30 riders in the Artisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series qualified for the Final, presented by Equiline, which will follow the leadline class on the Derby Field at The Stadium at PBIEC on Saturday, March 26. The final competition will determine the Series' overall winner, which receives special prizes, including a trip to compete in Chantilly, France.

## 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.

## 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). Local Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center brings the largest contingent of riders to the Games, so come support them as they compete to qualify for the State Games.

## "SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - \$130,000 ENGEL & VÖLKERS GRAND PRIX CSI 4\*

Competition returns under the lights of the International Arena for the \$130,000 Engel & Völkers Grand Prix CSI 4\* on Saturday, March 26. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and the class starts at 7:30 p.m. See top show jumpers compete for world ranking points and honors in the biggest class of week 11.

## WEF EASTER EGG HUNT

All kids are invited to have fun and participate in the WEF Easter Egg Hunt! Held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, Easter egg hunters should gather their PBIEC bag and show grounds map at the WEF Spectator Entrance at 3400 Equestrian Club Drive. They can then hunt for eggs at "Pony Island" at Rings 11 and 12 on the WEF Main Show Grounds, or head over the Derby Field at The Stadium at PBIEC (13500 South Shore Blvd.). Special winners who find a "GOLDEN EGG" can exchange it for a surprise gift at participating vendors (until supplies last). The list of GOLDEN EGG Easter Egg Hunt Vendors can be found on page 18! Have fun and happy hunting!

## 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 held on Sunday, March 27, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 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.

## \$35,000 SUNCAST 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER CLASSIC

The \$35,000 Suncast 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic will be held on the grass Derby Field at The Stadium at PBIEC on Sunday, March 27, at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a beautiful Sunday watching top show jumping on grass.

## 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



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 11- March 26, and for \$200 per person during the CSI 5\* weeks: 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](mailto:pmiele@whitehorsetavernflorida.com) today.

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](mailto:jnichols@equestriansport.com).

## AGDF STILLPOINT FARM FEI NATIONS CUP

The final week of competition for the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival is on March 30-April 2 at The Stadium at PBIEC. See some of the best competition of the season as riders represent their countries in the Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDIO 3\*. Will the United States retain their winning streak? Who will stand on the podium for the final "Friday Night Stars" FEI Grand Prix Freestyle on Friday, April 1? Come watch the finest dressage competition in North America to find out!

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## \$130,000 SUNCAST 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER CLASSIC FINAL AND \$500,000 ROLEX GRAND PRIX CSI 5\*


Two events, one night. The final "Saturday Night Lights" event of the season is on Saturday, April 2, starting at 6:30 p.m. with the \$130,000 Suncast 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Final and followed by an 8 p.m. start time for the \$500,000 Rolex Grand Prix CSI 5\*. The best horses and riders in the biggest class of the season - don't miss this exciting finale!


## \$50,000 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY


One of the most exciting hunter classes of the season is the \$50,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby. The first round is in the Eugene R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring on Saturday, April 2, and the top 25 move on to compete in the second round on the Derby Field at The Stadium at PBIEC on Sunday, April 3, at 1 p.m. They will compete over natural obstacles like the table bank and show off their style galloping around the beautiful grass field. Don't miss the final event of the 2016 WEF! ■



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title. Tara Metzner and Davlyn Farm's Cy Young earned the reserve title after finishing first and second over fences and earning the blue ribbon in the under saddle. Cy Young is an eight-year-old Warmblood gelding.

Catherine Kubiak and Chit Chat captured the very competitive Children's Hunter Horse 14 & Under division championship. Twenty-three horse and rider combinations battled for the tricolor honors, but it was Kubiak and the 15-year-old Warmblood gelding that produced the winning rounds. The pair earned third in the under saddle and won two of the four over fences classes. Vermeer and Emmanuelle Greenberg were awarded the reserve title. Greenberg placed fourth in the under saddle and earned first, second, and third over fences aboard the 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Pumpkin's Patch Farm LLC.

Hunter competition will resume on Wednesday, March 23, with the eleventh week of competition at WEF. ■ Callie Seaman



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## VENDOR ROW

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Loopy's Crepe Café  
Coliano's Pizza  
Oasis Café

## RINGS 9 & 10

Professional Concessions  
Magdalena's Mexican Food  
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Nathalie's Café

## BARN 4

Burgess and Clark Coffee

# Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (Main Grounds)





# WEF 10 Winners Photo Gallery ©Sportfot



The Small/Medium Children's Pony Hunter championship, sponsored by Autism Speaks, went to Libby Lou Who and Riley McKesson.



Allison Cederberg and Laurius won the Equiline Low Adult Jumper championship.



The Shapley's Regular Conformation Hunter champion was Back Story, ridden by Erynn Ballard.



Blueprint and Sophia Freeman were champions in the Palm Beach Riding Academy Short Stirrup Hunters.

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## WEF 10 Award Photos



The Equis Boutique "Best Presented Horse" Award was presented to Hannah Selleck and Barla by Elena Couttenye during Week 10. © Jump Media



Emma Sargent scored her first \$1,000 SSG "Go Clean for the Green" bonus by wearing SSG 'Digital' style riding gloves on her way to victory in the \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch High Junior Jumper Classic aboard her own Winchester. "I always find that most gloves are a little too thick, but these are nice and thin," said Sargent of her SSG 'Digital' riding gloves. "It's really hot down here so I sweat a lot, and they stay fresh and dry." Also winning during Week 10, Margie Engle earned a \$3,000 SSG Gloves Bonus after her WEF Challenge Cup victory, and Vanessa Mannix cashed a \$1,000 bonus by topping the High Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic. © Jump Media



Tristram 7 and Hana Bieling were the Children's Hunter 15-17 champions.



The Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award, presented by Martha W. Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman, went to Emily Short for her consistent performances during WEF 10. © Sportfot



The Horseware Ireland Don Little Masters 50 & Older Jumper champions were Guy Hodgson and Lord Arthur 1916.



Breeze and Havens Schatt were the Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award winners. Creedance and Kent Farrington won The Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award, presented by Laura Fetterman. © Sportfot



second jump-off with him, but he has a big stride, and the jump-off suited me and the horse really well, so everything worked.”

Saturday’s victory was de Luca’s first grand prix win at WEF, and it worked to the rider’s favor that the class was held in the morning instead of at night due to incoming weather.

“Finally!” de Luca said of getting the win. “I have to be honest, this is the first time that I rode the horse in FEI, so he has not done a night class with me. When I walked the course during the WEF (Challenge Cup), they said they moved the grand prix and I said that if he jumped well on Thursday then I would do the grand prix during the day, so it was good for me.”

Commenting on the track set by Vaillancourt, de Luca stated, “When I walked the course I really liked it. The height was good; there were really big verticals, and the oxers were wide enough. The triple combination was really delicate with the vertical in between two oxers. I liked the five-stride after the triple combination. There were a few options, and it was really technical at the end with the double of verticals that we have not had in the grand prix for a long time. I thought it was a fair course, and I think the course designer did a very good job.”

The course also suited 23-year-old American rider Emily Short and her mount, Coco II, an 11-year-old AES gelding (La Poco x Calato). Short began training with

Ireland’s Cian O’Connor at the end of 2014 and just bought Coco II in October, bringing the gelding to Wellington in January after competing in a few shows in Ireland and Belgium.

“I have had a really good season here with him,” Short detailed. “I started jumping some of the 1.40 and 1.45m classes here, and then I jumped on the grass field in the Artisan Farms Under 25 class and was fourth. Then I went up to Live Oak and had a really good weekend there. Then coming back to Wellington after not being here for five or six weeks, he was fresh, and like a new horse again jumping in the International Ring. He jumped really well today, so I was very happy with him.”

Short competed at WEF last winter and part of the winter before, and prior to that had shown in Ocala, FL, during the winter. Saturday’s second place grand prix prize was her top finish at the Winter Equestrian Festival to date, and she completed a great jump-off on the way to that result.

“Going first in the first round, and then in the jump-off, this horse Coco was probably the best horse for that,” Short explained. “He has a monster stride, so when there is an option to leave a stride out, I am always going to leave it out pretty much. In the jump-off, I just had a really good plan going in, and rode it like I planned and just hoped nobody would catch me. Unfortunately Lorenzo did, but

I am still happy with second.”

New Zealand’s Sharn Wordley was thrilled with his third place finish in the grand prix for the second week in a row. He also finished third in week nine’s \$380,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix CSI 5\* with the Sky Group’s Casper. This week’s prize came aboard Barnetta, a 12-year-old Westphalian gelding (Baloubet du Rouet x Polydor) also owned by the Sky Group. Commenting on two great finishes with two different horses, Wordley smiled, “I am having the best week of my life!”

The rider also had a second place finish with Barnetta in the \$212,000 U.S. Open Rolex Grand Prix CSI 3\* at the 2015 Rolex Central Park Horse Show in New York City this fall.

“I got him just over a year ago,” Wordley said of his mount. “I did one small grand prix with him in Wellington last year and then he popped a splint, so I did not get to ride him or show again until the summer. I have only been competing him for just over six months, so I am still just getting to know him really, but he has been a really good horse for me. He has been really consistent. He is not the fastest, but he is always there and around about in the prizes, so he is a very nice horse.”

Tom MacGuinness of Horseware Ireland was on hand for Saturday’s grand prix and spoke of the long relationship that his company has had with the Winter Equestrian Festival, dating all the way back

to 1980 with their brand, Triple Crown.

“The first time I came here was in 1989, and all that was here was a grass mound, and a grass field, and a tent,” MacGuinness noted. “Six years ago, Jessica Newman told me to come to Wellington for her gala for Just World International, and I came down and could not believe the changes that had been made here. I met Michael Stone, and Mark Bellissimo, and the whole crew here, and I said that this has really grown to be the place in the world for all equestrian activities. Nothing compares to Wellington in the whole world; no one even comes close. I have my polo team here, I have my jumper here, and to me, Wellington is my second home. It is a fantastic location, and I love it here.”

De Luca agreed with MacGuinness, adding, “There is no better place to be for the winter. This is the best show. You can improve your riding, and the horses get ready for the season. You can show everything from young horses up to the Nations’ Cup, and all of the facilities are very good, so it is fantastic to be here.”

Enzor de Litrange LXII’s groom, Heidi Barrett, received the Groom’s Initiative Award presented by Mark Bellissimo, managing partner of Wellington Equestrian Partners, to reward her dedication and hard work as an integral member of the winning team.

■ Lauren Fisher

## Final Results: \$130,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix CSI 3\*

1. ENSOR DE LITRANGE LXII: 2004 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Nabab de Reve x Mr. Blue  
LORENZO DE LUCA (ITA), Stephex Stables, Stal Lansink & Lorenzo de Luca: 0/0/40.61
2. COCO II: 2005 AES gelding by La Poco x Calato  
EMILY SHORT (USA), Emily Short: 0/0/42.75
3. BARNETTA: 2004 Westphalian gelding by Baloubet du Rouet x Polydor  
SHARN WORDLEY (NZL), Sky Group: 0/0/43.85
4. QUABELLE: 2004 Selle Francais mare by Helrios de la Cour II x Kannan  
BLYTHE MARANO (USA), Riverview Farm LLC: 0/0/44.18
5. RUBENS LS LA SILLA: 2006 SLS stallion by Rebozo LS La Silla x Cash  
VANESSA MANNIX (CAN), Vanessa Mannix: 0/0/45.31
6. CHACCO KID: 2006 Oldenburg by Chacco Blue x Come On  
ERIC LAMAZE (CAN), Chacco Kid Group: 0/4/40.00
7. HELIOS: 2007 Belgian Warmblood by Couleur-Rubin x Grandeur  
ADRIENNE STERNLICHT (USA), Starlight Farms LLC: 0/4/42.57
8. THUNDER D AMAURY: 2007 Selle Francais gelding by Quidam de Revel x Plein D Espoir  
DARRAGH KERINS (IRL), Darragh Kerins & Maarten Huygens: 1/77.28
9. CHAKITO: 2006 Oldenburg by Chacco Blue x Padarco  
RAMIRO QUINTANA (ARG), Auer Sport Horses LLC: 1/77.36
10. VASCO: 2002 KWPN gelding by Andiamo x Clinton  
ADAM PRUDENT (FRA), Plain Bay Sales: 4/69.05
11. ISHD DUAL STAR: 2002 Irish Sport Horse mare by Quick Star x Concorde  
LAURA CHAPOT (USA), Mary Chapot: 4/70.14
12. BRILLIANT DU ROUET: 2005 Oldenburg gelding by Balou du Rouet x Caretani Z  
ROBERTO TERAN JR. (COL), ARK Partners LLC: 4/72.36

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# WEF 10 Jumper Highlights

Week ten of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), sponsored by Horsecare Ireland, began Wednesday morning at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) with a win for Brazil's Eduardo Menezes and Caruschka 2 in the \$35,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m Jumper Classic.

Michel Vaillancourt (CAN) was the course designer in the International Ring for WEF 10. First thing Wednesday morning, Vaillancourt saw 63 entries with 17 clear rounds over his 1.45m speed track. Twelfth to go in the order, Menezes and Caruschka 2 raced through the early morning fog to clock the winning time of 59.44 seconds.

Richie Moloney (IRL) and Equinimity LLC's Alsvind finished second in 60.30 seconds. Ronan McGuigan (IRL) and Capall Zidane placed third in 61.39 seconds, and Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Susan Grange's Tennyson earned fourth place honors in a time of 61.77.

Also competing in the International Ring on Wednesday, the \$6,000 1.40m speed, sponsored by Illustrated Properties, was held in a California split. Laura Chapot (USA) and Mary Chapot's Shooting Star won Section A, and Clementine Goutal (USA) and Arao Enterprises' Caballito topped Section B.

Week ten of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) continued on Thursday with a win for Margie Engle (USA) and Elm Rock LLC's Abunola in the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round 10. Engle and Abunola bested a field of 83 horses and riders, with Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Houston finishing second, and Lorcan Gallagher (IRL) aboard Ventura 9 placing third.

Michel Vaillancourt (CAN) set the course for 83 starters in Thursday's WEF Challenge Cup, with 14 entries going clear to advance to the jump-off. Vaillancourt's tiebreaking short course then yielded six double clear rounds. Engle and Abunola clocked the winning time of 41.68 seconds, sixth to go in the jump-off order.

Eric Lamaze with Artisan Farms and Torrey Pines Stable's Houston immediately followed in the second place time of 41.87 seconds. Lorcan Gallagher and Spy Coast Farm LLC's Ventura 9 completed their round in 43.78 seconds to finish third. Danielle Torano (USA) and Callas III earned fourth place honors in a time of 43.94. Ilan Bluman (COL) and Blue Star Investments'

Ladriano Z placed fifth in 43.98 seconds, and Chris Surbey (CAN) and Linda Southern Heathcott's Doremi finished sixth in a time of 50.97.

Also competing in the International Ring on Thursday, Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and Main Road, owned by Sweet Oak Farm and Seabrook LLC, won the \$8,000 Douglas Elliman 1.45m jump-off class.

Competition at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) continued on Friday with a win for Jessica Springsteen (USA) and Stone Hill Farm's Davendy S in the morning's \$35,000 Illustrated Properties 1.45m Classic. The pair bested Eduardo Menezes and Caruschka 2, who settled for second place, while Eric Lamaze (CAN) and Melody des Hayettes Z finished third.

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 Daniel Coyle (IRL) and Susan Grange's Tienna in Section A, and victory for Hannah Selleck (USA) and Descanso Farm's Callway do Cabo in Section B.

On Saturday, Vanessa Mannix and Carolien vh Scheefkasteel were victorious in the \$15,000 MAYBACH - ICONS OF LUXURY SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Classic. The \$1,500 Animo USA Medium Amateur-Owner Jumper speed class concluded the day with a win for Kelly Tropin and Libertas Farm LLC's Adorose.

Week ten of the 2016 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), sponsored by Horsecare Ireland, concluded on Sunday, March 20, featuring the \$35,000 Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic in the International Ring at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBEC). The class saw a win for Kent Farrington (USA) and Creedance, with Darragh Kenny (IRL) and Pico in second, and Abdel Said (EGY) aboard Luron S Z third.

Also competing in the International Ring on Sunday, Teddy Vlock and Vlock Show Stables' Onyx du Haut Bois won the \$10,000 Hollow Creek Farm Medium Junior Jumper Classic. The \$10,000 Animo USA Medium Amateur-Owner Jumper Classic concluded the day with a win for Kelly Tropin and Libertas Farms LLC's Adorose.

Kent Farrington and Creedance won the \$35,000 Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic at WEF 10. © Sportfot



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# WEF Week 10 Standings and Awards

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|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER): 883 | 4 Laura Kraut (USA): 780       |
| 2 Tiffany Foster (CAN): 829             | 5 Molly Ashe-Cawley (USA): 704 |
| 3 Margie Engle (USA): 812               |                                |

## Suncast® 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series (after 10 qualifying events)



- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1 Shane Sweetnam (IRL): 368             | 4 Kent Farrington (USA): 290 |
| 2 Eric Lamaze (CAN): 338                | 5 Lorenzo de Luca (ITA): 260 |
| 3 Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum (GER): 294 |                              |

## Hermès Talented Young Rider Award (after 49 qualifying events)



- |                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Jessica Springsteen (USA): 725 | 4 Chloe Reid (USA): 554      |
| 2 Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 610 | 5 Katherine Dinan (USA): 464 |
| 3 Lillie Keenan (USA): 577       |                              |

## AArtisan Farms Under 25 Grand Prix Series, presented by The Dutta Corp., in association with Guido Klatté (after 7 qualifying events)



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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 |                            |



## Week 10 Jumper Classic winners:

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| \$15,000 MAYBACH – ICONS OF LUXURY SJHOF High Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Vanessa Mannix and Carolien vh Scheefkasteel | \$10,000 Rosenbaum Mollengarden PLLC Adult Jumpers 18-35 – Francesca Damasceno and Watermill Time  |
| \$10,000 Sleepy P Ranch SJHOF High Junior Jumpers – Emma Sargent and Winchester                                    | \$10,000 Engel & Völkers Adult Jumpers 36-49 – Lesley Martin and Hermelien                         |
| \$10,000 Animo USA Medium Amateur-Owner Jumpers – Kelly Tropin and Adorose   | \$10,000 Maria Mendelsohn, Douglas Elliman Low Junior Jumpers – Taegan Long and Pollux de Shalimar |
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|  | \$10,000 Horseware Ireland Don Little Masters – Bevo Tarika and Spice Girl                         |

## Week 10 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 – Allison Cederberg and Laurius             |
| Equis Children's Jumper 15-17 – Robyn Hannigan and Capacabana                           | Pegasus Builders Low Adult Jumper 36 & Over – Eleanor Bright and Streetwise |
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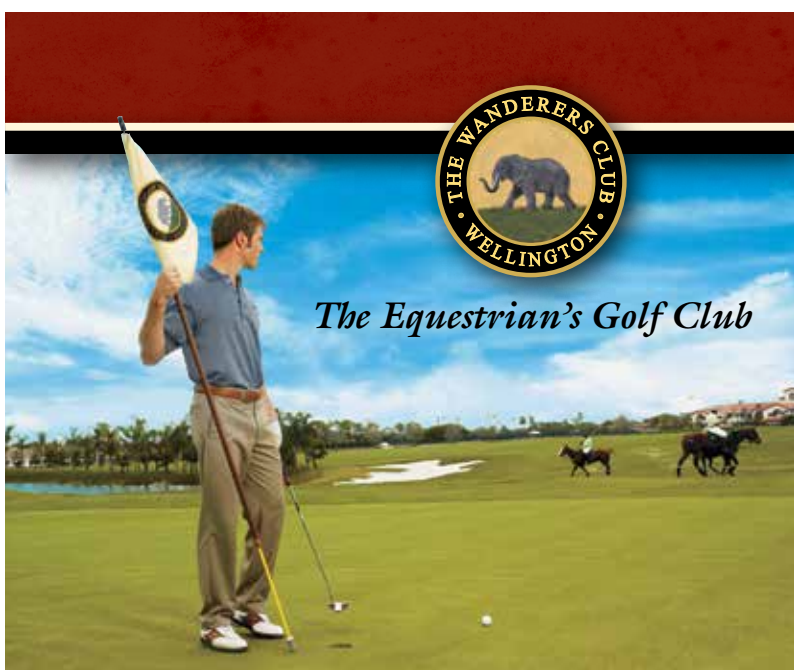


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## Faces of WEF: Tim Gaskell

Tim Gaskell has been fourth and seventh in previous WEF Grooms' Classes, but on Friday of WEF 10 he finally got the blue ribbon he was hoping for. Gaskell, who hails from Naples, FL, and grooms for Kelli MacDonald at Wrenwood Farm, brought Jenny Sutton's Fly Boy to the ring and topped the \$1,000 Shapley's Grooms Class, sponsored by Shapley's Grooming Products.



Judges Julie Kasle, David Distler, and Alex Rheinheimer were handed a difficult job of deciding the Grooms' Class winner and unanimously chose Gaskell and Fly Boy over 18 entries.

"We did have to use a lot of the smaller details to break the ties," said Rheinheimer. "But, what we really appreciated about our winner was that he covered his horse with his scrim sheet after we were finished looking at it and then when we came back to take another look, he had the sheet already removed. The horse was classically and impeccably groomed, clipped, and braided."

"I love the enthusiasm of the grooms, the trainers, and everybody who is here to cheer them on," continued Rheinheimer. "It's remarkable that even this late [in the season] grooms want to come out and show off their skills."

Gaskell has cared for Fly Boy for three years while he competes in the hunter divisions. During WEF 10, the eight-year-old Westphalian gelding showed in the Children's Hunter 15-17 division with Catherine Stafford in the irons.

Sally Stith-Burdette of Shapley's Equine Grooming Products presented Gaskell with a \$600 cash prize, blue ribbon, and a collection of Shapley's supplies at the conclusion of the class. Shapley's has sponsored the Grooms' Class for four years as a way to recognize the dedication and hard work of horse show grooms.

### HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT TIM GASKELL:

#### DID YOU DO ANYTHING SPECIAL TO PREPARE FOR TODAY?

It was mostly my normal routine, but I think I cleaned his tack twice instead of once.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WORKING WITH FLY BOY?

His personality. I call him stinky because he's the messy boy, but he's the cute boy. Everybody loves him.

#### HOW DID YOU FIND GROOMING?

I found this job online, but I've been working with horses my whole life. I was born into it; my parents show Quarter Horses. I did Thoroughbreds for a while and then I got into Warmbloods, and that's how I ended up here.

#### WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT BEING IN WELLINGTON ALL WINTER?

All the different people from all different countries. You hear that American is a melting pot, well Wellington is a melting pot in the winter. Being from the horse capital of the world in Kentucky originally, I can definitely say that this is the winter horse capital.

What I like about this class is to see all the grooms from different barns. Today, you had Tori Colvin's barn and she is a top ride. You had Reed Kessler's groom that goes all over the world and wins. It's fun to compete with all those other people, and I didn't think there was any way I was going to win. I still learn something from just looking at them and what they do and what they have. I learn something new every day.

#### WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING A GROOM?

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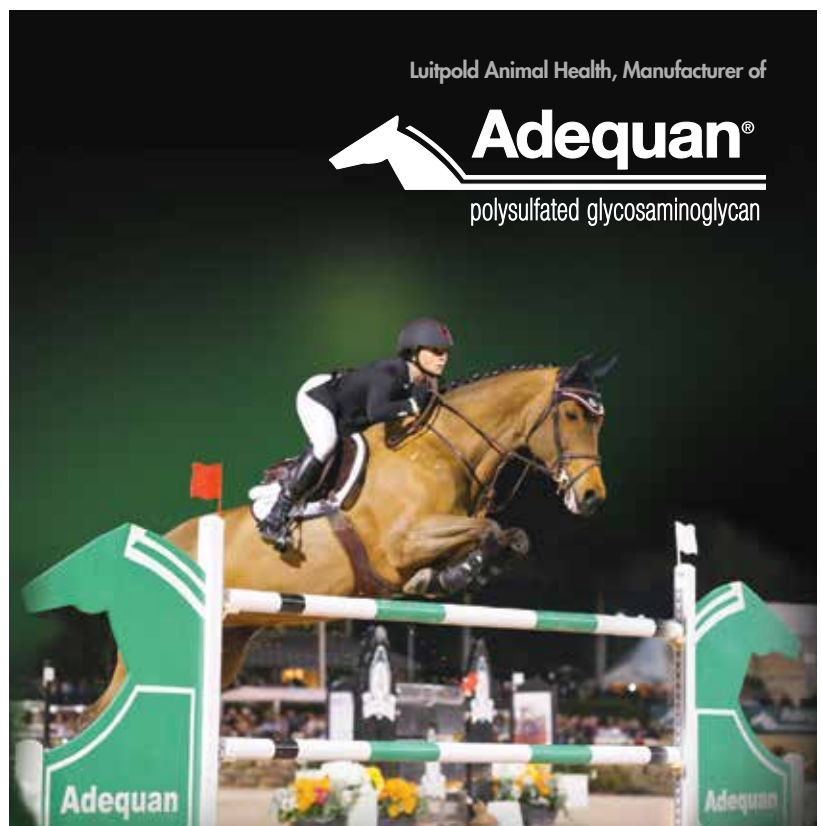
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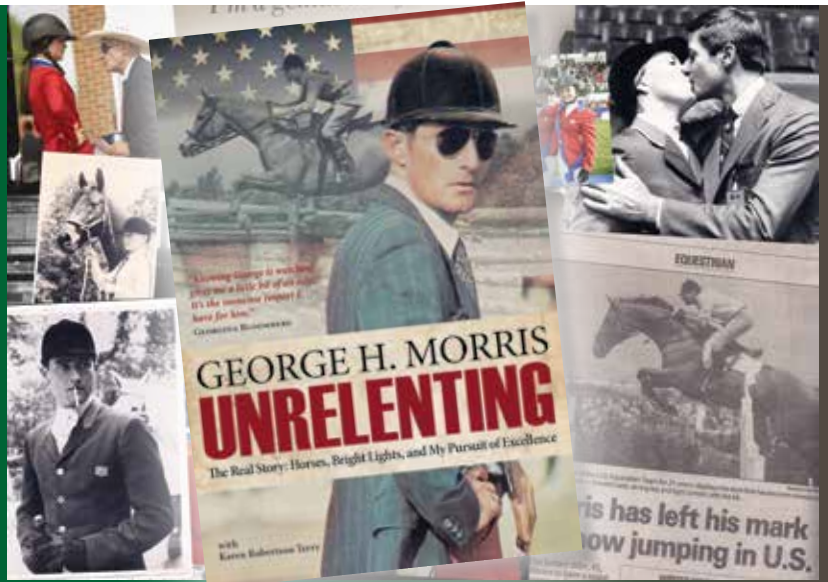
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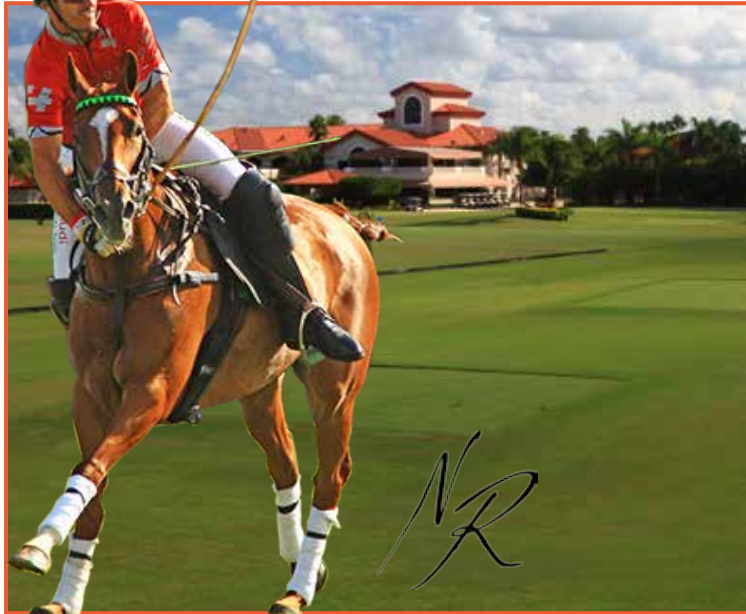
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