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TENTH ANNUAL GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE, PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS®, Crowns Holy Ground Shelter for the Homeless as Winner



The top three teams, along with their charity and team sponsor representatives, for the 2019 Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments®. Photo © Sportfot

The "Saturday Night Lights" of the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) beamed on Palm Beach County Charities during the 10th Annual Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC), on Saturday, February 2. Holy Ground Shelter for the Homeless took home \$150,000 as the lion's share of the more than \$1.3 million in prize money on offer after their team of riders David Blake, Carly Dvorkin, and Madelyn Ruskin, along with team sponsor Pine Hollow and corporate sponsor Havensafe Farm, took the victory.

In total, 26 pro-am combinations were paired with randomly selected Palm Beach County charities. Each team consisted of junior and amateur riders competing side-by-side with top professionals, including several Olympians.

"We Are The World" was the theme of the night with riders, charities, local families, and horse sport fans coming dressed in support of their favorite nation. In total, the evening's contributions brought the overall Great Charity Challenge tally to \$13.5 million distributed to more than 230 well-deserving Palm Beach County charities over the last 10 years.

Madelyn Ruskin aboard Abazu BSM, Carly Dvorkin on Carlotta 168, and David Blake riding Emilia made up the top trio of riders, presented by team sponsor Pine Hollow and corporate sponsor Havensafe Farm. They produced three perfect rides on the relay-style course to finish on a final time of 91.904 seconds. The winning charity, Holy Ground Shelter for the Homeless, shelters and mentors

homeless, pregnant, and parenting young girls and their children ages 17 to 23.

"I can't even begin to put into words what this means to us," said Phyllis Turner Jepson, Executive Director of Holy Ground Shelter for the Homeless. "This is life-changing, and it means that several lives will be changed because of this money. They did such an amazing job for us and I told them earlier when I met them that I had a really good feeling, but this is a better feeling! We're in shock and just so deeply, deeply grateful.

"I want to thank Paige [Bellissimo] and [GCC Executive Director] Anne Caroline [Valtin], because I know that the two of them have worked so, so hard to put this together," continued Jepson. "So many charities have benefited from this event!"

Great Charity Challenge Founder Paige Bellissimo commented, "Year after year, you think, 'Wow, this is the best year ever.' Then the costumes get better, the energy gets better, everyone gets a bit more excited, and they tell their friends to come. It just keeps growing, and it's really an amazing event that bridges the local community and the equestrian community. I'm so thankful for everyone who's a part of it."

"We hold a strong belief that change happens through the power of united communities," said GCC Executive Director Anne Caroline Valtin. "We hope that all who attended the GCC are inspired to keep working together to better the lives of so many in Palm Beach County."

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VETERANS RULE THE DAY IN THE \$209,000 Marshall & Sterling Insurance/Great American Grand Prix CSI 4*



Beezie Madden and Darry Lou led an all-star podium with their win in the \$209,000 Marshall & Sterling Insurance/Great American Grand Prix CSI 4*. ©Sportfot

In a day full of top competition at both venues of the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, FL, fans of equestrian sport were treated to a thrilling jump-off in the \$209,000 Marshall & Sterling/Great American Grand Prix CSI 4* on Saturday, February 2. Olympic team gold medalist Beezie Madden (USA) rode Darry Lou to the top spot in the grand prix.

Competing over a course set by Brazil's Anderson Lima on the stunning grass derby field at Equestrian Village, 45 entries completed the first round, with 13 clear to advance to the jump-off. Of those 13, it was a mix of show jumping veterans and up-and-coming rookies, but it was the veterans who would take the podium places on the day.

Olympian Amy Millar of Canada and her 2016 Olympic mount Heros, owned by Ammo Investments, set the early time to beat with a clear round in 41 seconds flat, which would hold up for seventh place. The leading time was dropped to 38.87 seconds by 21-year-old Lucas Porter (USA) riding Sleepy P Ranch LLC's Diamante Darco. They would finish in fourth place. Olympian Margie Engle (USA) and Royce galloped through the timers in 40.19 seconds for sixth place, and they were bumped by Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) on Roulette BH, owned by Gochman Sport Horse

LLC, who finished in 39.10 seconds for fifth place.

It came down to a highly anticipated jump-off finale with three American riders in the top 4 in the country deciding the final placings. It started with Olympic team gold medalist McLain Ward (USA) on Tradition de la Roque, owned by Kessler Show Stables Europe B.V. With a slower rollback to start the course, they then picked up the pace and finished the course in 37.07 seconds for second place.

"I was slow one to two," said Ward, who is ranked number two in the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping List. "She was a little surprised by the inside turn, and I checked up. I knew I left some room there. With [Beezie and Kent], one of them is going to get you if you leave an inch. But I'm thrilled with the mare."

Ward has ridden Tradition de la Roque, a 12-year-old Selle Français mare (Kannan x Oberon du Moulin) since September, taking over the ride for Olympian Reed Kessler. "What I like about her is what suits this type of a venue: she's very solid in her brain," he described. "She's brave, she's easy, she's straightforward. She's going to try to do a good job for you. She's not going to be too impressed by the atmosphere, which is really the difficulty of this field."

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Winter Equestrian Festival Recognizes Week 5 Sponsor

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS®

Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP) welcomes Fidelity Investments® as a returning sponsor for the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Fidelity Investments® has been a sponsor of the Winter Equestrian Festival for 12 years and a presenting sponsor of the Great Charity Challenge (GCC) since its inception in 2010. Additionally, Fidelity Investments® is the title sponsor of week five's CSI 5* competition on February 6-10, which will feature the \$391,000 Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix CSI 5* on Saturday, February 9.

The Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC) was held during the fourth week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival on Saturday, February 2. This family-friendly night featured fun activities for the whole family and an exhilarating pro/amateur event in which amateurs are paired with world-class riders and randomly assigned with charities to compete for prize money raised by equestrian families and corporate donors. Celebrating "We Are The World," equestrians competed in support of 25 charities, while also representing their favorite nation or country of origin. The participating organizations and lucky grant recipients awarded that evening will receive a share of the \$1 million-plus purse, with 100% of all proceeds going straight to benefit the charities. Over the past nine years, more than \$12 million has been given to more than 230 different area charities as a result of the GCC.

"All of us with Fidelity Investments® here in Palm Beach County are delighted to be involved with the Winter Equestrian Festival and with the Great Charity Challenge, a wonderful event that helps so many charities in Palm Beach County," said Heath Odom, Manager of Fidelity's Investor Center on Palm Beach Gardens.

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PBIEC WEEK 5&6 UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 7, the Lunch & Learn Series continues for the 2019 season. Held every Thursday 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. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. The Week 5 Lunch & Learn topic is "The Road Ahead: 2019 Market Insights & Opportunities," presented by Robert "Tim" McGee, Managing Director, Head of CIO Macro Strategy, Global Wealth and Investment Management Division of Bank of America, presented by Bank of America. Contact Kailey Blasius at 561-784-1137 or kblasius@equestriansport.com for more information.

ISABELL WERTH CLINIC

Dressage superstar Isabell Werth of Germany will give a clinic with six talented dressage riders on Thursday, February 7, at 5-9 p.m. at the Global International Arena at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.) Don't miss the chance to learn from the best dressage rider in the world. General admission tickets are \$50, covered seating \$75, and VIP tickets are \$175 (includes VIP dining). Parking is free. Tickets can be purchased at www.globaldressagefestival.com. A special autograph signing will begin at 5 p.m. prior to the start of the clinic.

ADEQUAN® GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL CDI5*

AGDF's "Friday Night Stars" Series returns in week 5, showcasing some of the world's best dressage riders as they perform freestyles at the top level of competition. The fifth week of AGDF features the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors on Friday, February 8. Held at Equestrian Village at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, gates open at 6 p.m. and competition begins at 7 p.m. General admission is free, parking is \$10 per car, and valet is available for \$20.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - \$391,000 FIDELITY INVESTMENTS® GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

The grand prix competition continues at WEF 5 on Saturday, February 9, with gates opening at 6 p.m. and competition at 7 p.m. Don't miss the best show jumpers of the circuit in the first five-star event of the year compete under the lights of the International Arena. This family-friendly night will feature fun activities for the whole family, admission free. Parking at PBIEC is \$20 per carload. Valet is \$30.

THE VEUVE CLICQUOT SUITES - AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT!

Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Veuve Clicquot Suites are available on select Saturday Night Lights events throughout 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. 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@equestriansport.com today.

SAVE THE DATE

WEEK 6 JUMPER CLASSES MOVE TO EQUESTRIAN VILLAGE

Jumper classes during Week 6 of WEF will move to the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.) while the hunters take over the International Arena on the main grounds of PBIEC. Put it on your schedule to enjoy the beautiful grass derby field with the following events: \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m Jumpers (Friday 10 a.m.), \$10,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Welcome (Saturday 9 a.m.) and \$36,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic (Saturday 12 p.m.), and \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix (Sunday 9 a.m.) and \$25,000 CP National Grand Prix (Sunday 1 p.m.).

In the Global International Arena, jumper classes include: \$36,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Classic (Wednesday, 10 a.m.), \$36,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 6 (Thursday, 1 p.m.), and the highlight jumper class of the week, the \$134,000 Cabana Coast Grand Prix CSI 3* (Friday, 7 p.m.).

BUY YOUR TICKETS!

The 2019 USHJA WCHR \$100,000 Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Spectacular Hunt Gala will be held on Saturday, February 16, ring side in the International Club. Cocktails are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tables sold separately at <https://data.ushja.org/wchr/spectacular.aspx>. On Sunday, February 17, starting at 6 p.m., Danny and Ron's Rescue will be hosting their 11th Annual Kids Lip Sync Talent Show Benefit in the Special Events Pavilion. Like totally 80's theme. Limited tickets available via <https://dannyransrescue.org/events>.



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WEF SPORT HORSE AUCTION

Featuring

PREVIEW:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
at 3:00 p.m.

AUCTION:
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019
at 7:00 p.m.

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State client's Machu Picchu ridden by Paul O'Shea, graduate of 2011 auction.

Farona won Grand Prix in Caledon May 2018, 2nd twice and 3rd at Spruce Meadows Grand Prix, 2nd in Grand Prix Qualifier in Samart, won 2 classes in Dublin and 2nd at Spruce Meadows Masters in Qualifier for winning round. Owned by Anne George, graduate of 2018 auction.

INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB HAPPENINGS

This Week At IPC:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
10 a.m.: Tonkawa vs. Coca Cola - George Haas Subsidiary Semifinal
12 p.m.: Pilot vs. La Indiana - Ylvisaker Semifinal
3 p.m.: Patagones vs. Dutta Corp - Ylvisaker Semifinal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
12 p.m.: Iconica vs. SD Farms - George Haas Subsidiary Semifinal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
12 p.m.: George Haas Cup Final
3 p.m.: Ylvisaker Cup Final

Join us for the exciting highlight match of the week on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on the U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1, featuring the Ylvisaker Cup final. Enjoy brunch in the Pavilion or in the Celebrity Cruises® Polo Lounge or watch the game from stadium seats or tailgate spots.

To purchase tickets to Sunday polo and brunch at The Pavilion, visit internationalpoloclub.com.

Lunch AND LEARN

WELLINGTON, FL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 11:30AM

The Wellington Club

"THE ROAD AHEAD: 2019 MARKET INSIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES,"

presented by Robert "Tim" McGee,
Managing Director, Head of CIO Macro Strategy,
Global Wealth and Investment Management Division of Bank of America, presented by Bank of America.

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We are the World Grants & Awards

LITTLE LEAGUES

Drawing	Amount	Charity
1	\$6,000.00	Wellington Wolves Basketball
2	\$5,000.00	Colts Travel Baseball Inc.
3	\$4,000.00	Wellington Wizards Youth Rugby Club
4	\$3,000.00	Wellington Wrestling Club, Inc
5	\$2,000.00	Wellington Youth Lacrosse Association
6	\$1,000.00	Florida Elite Dragons Rugby

RANDOMLY DRAWN GRANTS

Drawing	Amount	Charity
Random January	\$10,000.00	For the Children, Inc.
1	\$10,000.00	Palm Beach County 4H Youth Development
2	\$9,000.00	Children's Museum
3	\$8,000.00	Unicorn Children's Foundation
4	\$7,000.00	Child Rescue Coalition
5	\$6,000.00	George Snow Scholarship Fund
6	\$5,000.00	Student Aces
7	\$4,000.00	Glades Initiative
8	\$3,000.00	Non Profit First
9	\$2,000.00	PBC Pals
10	\$1,000.00	Education Foundation of Palm Beach County
We Are the World	\$1,000.00	Wellington High School
We Are the World	\$1,000.00	Palm Beach Central High School

SCHOOL OUTREACH DURING WEF \$12,000.00

ZIEGLER FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Charity	Amount
The Arc of Palm Beach County	\$10,000.00
Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County	\$10,000.00
The Lord's Place, Inc.	\$10,000.00
Area Agency on Aging	\$10,000.00
Urban Youth Impact, Inc.	\$10,000.00

TEAM COSTUME AWARDS

Award	Charity	Amount
1st place	Jeff Industries	\$3,000.00
2nd place	Friends of Foster Children	\$2,000.00
3rd place	Back to Basics	\$1,000.00
Best team Spirit	Wellington PTA/PTO	\$2,000.00
Top Horse presentation	Community Caring Center of Palm Beach County	\$2,000.00
Runner Up Horse Presentation	Quantum House	\$1,000.00

WELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL ART CONTEST

Award	School	Amount
Most Original	Elbridge Gale Elementary	\$1,500.00
Most Inspiring	Panther Run Elementary	\$1,500.00
Best Representation of their Cause	Wellington Elementary	\$1,500.00
Best Overall	Okeeheelee Middle School	\$2,000.00
All participants - individual checks (8x 1,000)		\$8,000.00
Elementary School Bonus	Binks Forest Elementary	\$500.00
Middle School Bonus	Emerald Cove Middle School	\$500.00
High School Bonus	Wellington High School	\$500.00

TENTH ANNUAL GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE, PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS®

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Team sponsor Pine Hollow has been involved with the Great Charity Challenge since its inception and watched their team finish second in 2018 before jumping to victory this year.

"My favorite night of the year is definitely tonight," said Howard Dvorkin of Pine Hollow. "Helping the homeless and the women that this charity serves - I can't think of a better organization to win this event."

Speaking to the strategy of their team, anchor rider Blake noted, "I think the main thing in this class is to get good transitions from rider to rider, so we definitely focused on that. We earned this money for our charity focusing on that strategy, and I think that's more important than going for the speed. Tonight we came out on top for a great cause!"

Blake trains Carly Dvorkin, who shares a special dedication to the event with the rest of her family, include father Howard and mother Gwen.

"The Great Charity Challenge has always been very unique and special to my family," she said. "My favorite thing is seeing the charity's faces - everyone from the charity being so grateful and appreciative. It means so much to me because I'm doing what I love while helping others."

With a sound strategy in place, the top team also selected horses perfect for the job. Ruskin, who participated in the event for the second time this year, was especially proud of her mount, saying, "I love going fast; that's one thing that I really enjoy. I'm so grateful for my horse. He takes care of me so much, and he's a

great partner to have."

Riders Katherine Barnard, Samantha Wight, and Daniel Bluman were just a single second shy of the win in 92.817 seconds, but second place still delivered \$125,000 to their charity, the Kids Cancer Foundation. The runner-up team was supported by team sponsor The Wight Family and corporate sponsor Artemis Farm.

The third place team, made up of Claire Schreder, Coco Fath, and Molly Ashe, jumped for Speak Up For Kids Palm Beach County and won the charity \$100,000 with a time of 94.046 seconds. Their team sponsor was Louisburg Farm and corporate sponsor Fidelity Investments®.

"I think a really important aspect of this event is that it helps the local community, concluded Bellissimo. "We are really trying to see and inspire change right within our own neighborhood. There are so many amazing charities within Palm Beach County that do just that, but access to funding is very difficult. So being able to give them access to funding so they can do what they do best is what makes this event so special."

All 26 charities selected for the Great Charity Challenge received a share of prize money on a sliding scale at the conclusion of the evening with the smallest amount totaling \$15,500. More information on the Great Charity Challenge and the 2019 winning charities can be found on page 4 or at www.greatcharitychallenge.com.

Jennifer Wood



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Standings and Awards

WEF WEEK 4

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Leading Lady Jumper Rider, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate in memory of Dale Lawler

(after 8 qualifying events)

1. Amanda Derbyshire(GBR): 395
2. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 382
3. Beezie Madden (USA): 374
4. Lauren Hough (USA): 296
5. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 285



CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series

(after 3 qualifying events)

1. Peter Wylde (USA): 102
2. Peter Lutz (USA): 92
3. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 89
4. Jessica Mendoza (GBR): 88
5. Erynn Ballard (CAN): 86



Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Standings

(after 3 qualifying events)

1. Ailish Cuniffe (USA): 91
2. Anna Beth Athey (USA): 76
3. Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX): 70
4. Zoe Conter (BEL): 63
5. Kelly Arani (USA): 57



Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award:

Fibonacci, ridden by Christopher Payne and owned by Still Water Farm LLC



Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award:

Chousa Sho Z, ridden by Daniel Riha Jr. and owned by La Cantera Stables Inc.



The Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Jumper Rider Award in memory of Dale Lawler was presented to Margie Engle for WEF 4 by Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton.



The Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner 36 & Over 3'3" Hunter champion was Galaxy, ridden by Tina Allen, presented here by Dr. Hilary Clayton.



Havens Schatt rode Spectacular to the Equitan Performance Hunter 3'6" championship.



The Triple Crown Nutrition Green Hunter 3' championship went to Waverly and Holly Orlando, with Jenny Dunion and Suzy Drasnin.



Kim Davidson from Always Faithful Equestrian Club presented the Medium Pony Hunter championship to Alexa Elle Lignelli and EMC Entourage, with Lydia Ulrich and Krista Freundlich.



Hannah Isop rode Believe to the Antares High Performance Working Hunter division championship.

Hunter Riders Step Up for the Fourth Week of Competition

— Week 4 of WEF —

The fourth week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival provided more opportunities for for hunter riders to contest various divisions to gain points, improve new partnerships, and prepare for World Champion Hunter Rider week during Week 6. The Palm Beach International Equestrian Center once again saw experienced and new hunters take to the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Field and the Rost Arena. Hunter horses and competitors also had the chance to compete in the International Arena as the season's first \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby challenged over 50 horse-and-rider combinations Friday afternoon.

The derby featured a Hunt & Go format consisting of one course in which the classic round consisted of fences one through eight and the handy of jumps nine through 14. Course designer Andy Christiansen included a trot-fence and three high-jump options to give riders the opportunity to display their horse's best assets.

With a flawless performance and dominating scores, Jennifer Hannan piloted Mindful to the overall victory. Hannan and the 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding owned by Kensel, LLC executed a round worthy of 178.75 points in phase one and 180 points in phase two to earn a winning total score of 358.75 points. The victory was extra special to Hannan who broke her heel in May during her last hunter derby competition and was not able to begin riding again until December.

Young professional and two-time USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship winner Victoria Colvin earned scores of 171.75 and 183 for a combined total of 354.75 to take home the second



Jennifer Hannan and Mindful captured the top spot in the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Hunt & Go. ©Sportfot

place ribbon. Colvin was aboard Meralax Farm's nine-year-old KWPN gelding (Numero Uno x Zo-Special), El Primero. Third place honors went to three-time USHJA International Hunter Derby Championship winner Liza Boyd with only .50 points less than Colvin. Boyd paired with Maggie Hill's eight-year-old Westphalian gelding Tradition (by Cornet's Stern x Larix) for scores of 175.75 and 178.5, and wrapping up with a total of 354.25 points.

Martha Ingram swept the Amateur-Owner 3'3" 18-35 division as she captured not only the champion, but also reserve champion title. Ingram and Lyons Creek Bellini, a 12-year-old Polish Warmblood gelding, pinned two firsts, two seconds, and a third to secure the champion. She then rode the 15-year-old Holsteiner gelding Airport 48 to two firsts, a second, a fourth, and a ninth for the reserve title. Both horses are owned by John and Stephanie Ingram.

In the Children's Hunter Older division, Rachel Momrow Darby and Kertis received the tricolor ribbon while Susannah Gerhardt and Madison won reserve. Darby and Shaine Brooks' 16-year-old Warmblood gelding wrapped up with a first, two seconds, a fourth, and a seventh for the lead while Gerhardt received two firsts and a fourth.

The thoroughbreds also took a crack at hunter competition this week as Lucca and Julie Curtin earned champion in the Take2 Thoroughbred Hunters. The Fit to Fight x Fraulina-bred gelding owned by Pauline Lampshire dominated the division with three firsts, a second, and a third place ribbon.

Tommy Serio was named the reserve champion in the Take2 Thoroughbred Hunter division with Luv Me Do, a gelding by E Dubai x Poivre owned by The Winter Farm. The pair completed the division with a first, two seconds, and two thirds.

Hunter competition at the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival returns Wednesday, February 6, as Week 5 of the season begins.

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Inverness and Molly Sewell, riding for Leslie Campell, were the USHJA Hunter 2'3" champions.



The Large Green Pony Hunter champion was Prestige, ridden and owned by Kat Fuqua.



The Low Adult Amateur Hunter Section A champion was Quartermaster, ridden by Felecia Weiss.



Aundrea Hillyard and Bill Schaub's Shenandoah Coral Reef were the Medium Green Pony Hunter champions.



The Crossrail Hunter Younger Section B champion was Lucky, ridden by Alexander Reizen for Take 3 LLC.



Kodak and Kendall Dey were the Crossrail Hunter Younger Section A champions.



Morgan Rosia rode Taje Warrick's Chipie B F Z to the Carolina Arena Equipment Low Children's Jumper championship.



Molly Sewell and Cynthia Chaconas's Benji were the Young Hunter 3'3"3'3'6" champions.



Team PonyApp Victorious in \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Team Event



Team PonyApp, consisting of Eugenio Garza Perez, Claire McKean, chef d'équipe Lucy Davis, Caitlin Creel, and Carlos Hank Guerreiro, won the \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Team Event, presented by James Sardelli, Hermès Senior Equestrian Account Executive. ©Sportfot

Team PonyApp jumped to the top of the podium in the \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series Team Event, which took center stage in the Global International Arena at Equestrian Village on Friday evening. The team made up of Caitlin Creel (USA), Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX), Carlos Hank Guerreiro (MEX), and Claire McKean (USA) finished on the only four-fault score after two rounds of competition.

The PonyApp team was led by 18-year-old Guerreiro aboard the 11-year-old Westphalian gelding H5 Quantador 3 and McKean riding 12-year-old Zangersheide mare Chloe after both pairs produced faultless performances.

"This is one of my favorite classes during the whole season because it is good experience to be part of a nations' cup team," said Guerreiro, who has been competing in the Under 25 division for three years

and was the lead-off rider for his team. "I have had this horse since he was seven years old, and he actually did this same event last year and it didn't go so well. This year he was a lot more experienced and came in very relaxed."

For McKean, 20, the stadium feel of the Global International Arena suited her horse, saying, "She is very experienced and she goes better in a little bit of a smaller setting so it would be harder for her to jump on the grass than to jump in here. It was a perfect setup for her, and she jumped very well. I was very pleased with her."

"I have been doing the Under 25 [division] for about four years now and this is my third team event," continued McKean. "I think it is a great class to get comfortable in bigger classes under more pressure."

Eugenio Garza Perez, 22, who jumped as the anchor for the PonyApp team, also felt comfortable in the change in scenery from the main WEF showgrounds. He has been competing in the Under 25 division for five years. He noted, "This venue has a feel a bit like Europe; everything comes up fast. But it's really fun to ride in and it's great to change the venue. The four weeks that are over here really help the horses and us to keep fresh."

Garza Perez piloted Caracas, a 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding, to four faults in the opening round before jumping clear as the last rider to go for his team.

Creel, 22, had a bumpy ride for her first-ever U25 team competition with an unplanned dismount in the opening round. She and new mount Dynamis KC, an 11-year-old Zangersheide gelding, rallied for the second round, however, and finished on 12 faults.

"It didn't go quite my way, but I appreciate my teammates for stepping it up," she said. "I rode a horse I have had for about six months now, and he's has only been doing the jumpers for about a year. He was doing the children's hunters before this and he had a bit of a green moment tonight, but I was very proud of him. He came out in the second round and really gave it a good go. I am looking forward to the future with him."

PonyApp topped the riders of Sweet Oak/Whipstick by a single point, who finished second on five faults led by double clear rounds from Kelly Arani (USA) riding Esprit and Ailish Cuniffe (USA) aboard Baloucento 2. Their teammate Anna Beth Athey (USA) finished with a clear and eight faults on For Serrano SR, while Kaely Tomeu (USA) settled for four and five faults in the two rounds aboard Cassandra F.

JR Show Stables rounded out the podium placings with six total faults. David Oberkircher (USA) was perfect in both rounds riding Upper to a fault-free finish. Jennifer Gates (USA) ended on a single rail with Pacific Des Essarts in the first round and a clear in the second round. Helen Graves (USA) knocked a rail in round two while picking up just one time fault in round one aboard Blue Sky Van De Olmenhoeve. KC Van Aarem (USA) ended a one and five faults in the two rounds riding Las Vegas.

Other double clear rounds included Sophie Gochman (USA) on Carola BH, Addison Gierkink (USA) with Erco Van't Roosakker, and Zoe Conter (BEL) riding Umour Noir de Crann.

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WEF 4 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



Martin Fuchs and Chica BZ won the \$72,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 4 on the grass derby field in their first week and first time competing at WEF. ©Sportfot

Sergio Marins (BRA) and the 10-year-old KWPN gelding (Berlin x Lady Santa Monica), Elvis Santa Monica, jumped towards the end of the order with only seven horse and rider combinations following on Wednesday morning. As the 81 of 86 entries to compete in the \$6,000 Bainbridge 1.40m class, Marins went full-throttle to overtake the lead from fellow Brazilian competitor Luiz Francisco De Azevedo. Azevedo had entered the field approximately ten trips earlier aboard Santa Cecilia Stables' nine-year-old Zangersheide mare (Sandro Boy x Carotin HP), So What HP, and had set the lead with a blazing time of 31.61 seconds.

Marins and Verena Janssen's Elvis Santa Monica finished with a time of 30.46 seconds, which was even more impressive when compared to the time faults accumulated by almost half of the class entries. The third place title went to the USA's Todd Minikus with Todd Minikus LTD's I Dottori VD Richter, an 11-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Winningmood VD Arenberg x Ranca). The pair took home a time of 31.80 seconds in the second phase of competition.

Sixty-five entries contested Thursday's \$72,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 4 CSI 4* track set by Anderson Lima (BRA), with six horses qualifying to come back for the jump-off. When Irish Olympian Kevin Babington and Mark Q entered the ring as the penultimate entry to return, Carly Anthony (USA) and Clochard, owned by Neil Jones Equestrian Inc., had set the time to beat at 44.13 seconds. However, Babington and his longtime partner, a 17-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, would make short work of that time, shaving off more than four seconds to ultimately clinch the win with a time of 40.03 seconds.

Fellow Irishman Darragh Kenny was the last to return aboard Chinook II, owned by Veronica Tracy, and a time of 40.84 seconds would secure them the second-place honor and relegate Anthony and Clochard to third. Fourth place went to Lorcan Gallagher (IRL) and Hunters Conlypso II, owned by the Dacantos Group, with four faults in a time of 40.27 seconds. Margie Engle and Royce, owned by Gladewinds Partners LLC, took fifth with four faults and a time of 42.69 seconds, and Australia's Rowan Willis finished in sixth after electing not to return for the jump-off with his own Blue Movie.

The \$72,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic

CSI 4* was featured on the Derby Field at Equestrian Village on Friday, February 1, with a win for Martin Fuchs (SUI) on Chica BZ. Six horses from a starting field of 45 advanced to the 1.50m jump-off track set by Anderson Lima (BRA). Fuchs led off and stopped the clock clear at 38.85 seconds aboard the 10-year-old Zangersheide mare Chica BZ (Canturano x Berlin) with five to return behind him.

Fuchs' plan paid off and he held onto the lead over second-place finisher Kelli Cruciotti (USA), who broke the timers in 40.83 seconds riding Cicero's Electric for owner Aram Ampagoumian, LLC. Ireland's Richie Moloney finished third in 49.44 seconds aboard Freestyle de Muze, owned by Equinimity, LLC, while Todd Minikus (USA) settled for fourth with the fastest four-fault jump-off round in 37.24 seconds riding Amex Z for Bit By Bit Group. Amanda Derbyshire (GBR) returned last over the short course and finished in fifth with Cornwall H, owned by Gochman Sport Horses.

The fourth week of WEF concluded on Sunday, February 3, with a win for 18-year-old Yasmin Rizvi of Wellington, FL, and Lumiere in the \$10,000 SJHOF High Junior Jumper Classic, presented by Griffis Residential.

Rizvi and Lumiere, a 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding (Clay x Feodora) owned by Peacock Ridge LLC, jumped clear in the first round with a time of 69.008 seconds, and clinched their win with a clear trip in the jump-off with a time of 40.333 seconds. Second place went to Charlise Casas and Diamond M, owned by Always Faithful Equine LLC, who were clear in 40.724 seconds. Catalina Peralta and Basimodo, owned by Signe Ostby, were third with a time of 43.740 seconds.

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Previous auction graduates have succeeded at the top levels of the sport and can be found competing in North America and around the world. Skara Glen's Macchu Pichu, a graduate of the 2011 WEF Sport Horse Auction, successfully

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VDL Indygo Sollier is flashy, talented, and a modern-type sport horse, sure to draw immense attention at the 2019 WEF Sport Horse Auction. VDL Indygo Sollier is currently competing at the 1.20m level with the promise to excel quickly. By Harley VDL (Heartbreaker x Carthago) out of Indy Sollier SF (Paladin des IFS x Jalisco B), the bloodlines are extraordinarily strong for this 2013

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represented Ireland with Paul O'Shea in the irons at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018, while Daniel Coyle (IRL) is currently piloting Farena and Quintin VDL, both 2016 auction graduates, and Farrell VDL, a 2017 graduate, in major Grand Prix competitions.

The Presentation of Horses will take place on Tuesday, February 19, at PBIEC in the International Ring at 3:00 p.m., offering spectators and bidders the opportunity to see the horses ridden under saddle and over fences and will be live streamed on COTH TV.

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\$209,000 MARSHALL & STERLING INSURANCE/GREAT AMERICAN GRAND PRIX CSI 4* CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Olympic team silver medalist and number three on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping List Kent Farrington (USA) and Gazelle, owned by Robin Parsky & Kent Farrington, had a similar issue with the first rollback on course and finished just off the pace in 37.15 seconds for third place.

"I think with her not showing in a while, she was a bit impressed in the jump-off," said Farrington of Gazelle, who last competed in Geneva, Switzerland, in December. "When I rolled back to number two, she goes super high. Same at the end when I rollback again short, she goes super high. In a class like this with these riders, that takes time, and that's where I think I got caught today. But I'm very pleased with her performance.

"She's very reliable on grass so I was confident to bring her out," continued Farrington of the 13-year-old Belgian Warmblood mare by Kashmir van Schuttershof x Indoctro. "I think the ground is fantastic on these fields, so I try to jump it as much as possible whenever they're available for us."

Last to go was Madden, who stands fourth on the Rolex/USEF Show Jumping List, on Abigail Wexner's Darry Lou, an 11-year-old KWPN gelding by Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve x Nabab de Reve. With smooth turns and an open stride, they galloped down to the final Marshall & Sterling vertical and picked

up the victory in a time of 36.80 seconds to the cheering of the crowd.

"It's always a huge advantage to go last – well, not always, but most of the time – especially when I have Kent and McLain right in front of me," said Madden. "It was awesome to be able to see them go and know what I had to do to win. I think I probably made it up one to two. I didn't see how many strides they did, but I was quite quick there. I'm not sure you could do any less there. Then I think I kind of matched them everywhere else probably."

Madden agreed with Farrington on the sentiment of competing on the grass field. "I like to jump on the grass whenever we have the opportunity. It was actually a nice beginning for him because I know he's good on grass and in fields and has a lot of experience with that, so even though this is his first week, I thought I could aim him for the grand prix. I think a lot of horses like to jump on good grass. It's more forgiving, and it sometimes has more spring too if it's really good grass. This was excellent I would say."

For her win, Madden was presented with The Village of Wellington Cup. As the owner of the winning horse, Darry Lou, owner Abigail Wexner will also receive a one-night stay at the Brazilian Court Hotel in Palm Beach, and a bottle of Banfi Principessa Gavi courtesy of Banfi Vintners.

Jennifer Wood

FINAL RESULTS:

\$209,000 M&S INSURANCE/GREAT AMERICAN GRAND PRIX CSI 4*

1 DARRY LOU: 2008 KWPN gelding by Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve x Nabab de Reve
BEEZIE MADDEN (USA), Abigail Wexner: 0/0/36.80

2 TRADITION DE LA ROQUE: 2007 Selle Français mare by Kannan x Oberon du Moulin
MCLAIN WARD (USA), Kessler Show Stables Europe B.V.: 0/0/37.07

3 GAZELLE: 2006 Belgian Warmblood mare by Kashmir van Schuttershof x Indoctro
KENT FARRINGTON (USA), Kent Farrington & Robin Parsky: 0/0/37.15

4 DIAMONTE DARCO: 2005 GBSH mare by Unbelievable Darco x Unknown
LUCAS PORTER (USA), Sleepy P Ranch LLC: 0/0/38.87

5 ROULETTE BH: 2009 Irish Sport Horse gelding by Moschino x Michellino
AMANDA DERBYSHIRE (GBR), Gochman Sport Horse LLC: 0/0/39.10

6 ROYCE: 2004 Oldenburg stallion by Café au Lait x Grandilot
MARGIE ENGLE (USA), Gladewinds Partners, LLC: 0/0/40.19

7 HEROS: 2007 Belgian Warmblood gelding by Canadian River x Clinton
AMY MILLAR (CAN), AMMO Investments: 0/0/41.00

8 FEE DES SEQUOIAS Z: 2009 Zangersheide mare by Figaro Du Ri d'Asse x Saccor
JUAN MANUEL GALLEG0 (COL), Juan Manuel Gallego: 0/0/41.42

9 PUMPED UP KICKS: 2003 Brandenburg gelding by Levisto x San Juan
JENNIFER GATES (USA), Evergate Stables LLC: 0/0/42.11

10 SARI: 2008 Selle Francais mare by Ninio de Rox x Timorak des Isles
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11 CETANO VAN ASPERGEM Z: 2009 Zangersheide gelding Clinton x Ahorn Z
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GCC GRANT TO HELP REBUILD LIVES IN HAITI



Samson Compere, part of the PBIEC security team, was presented with a check for \$5,000 for the Organization pour l'Education et le Development Communautaire d'Haiti by Equestrian Sport Productions COO David Burton.

When Samson Compere was growing up in Les Cayes, Haiti, he was the number-one student in his school. He went on to graduate from the American University of the Caribbean in Haiti with a degree in agriculture and environmental sciences. After working for the supply

office for the United Nations in Haiti, he came to the United States in 2010. Now 41 years old, Samson has become an integral part of the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center security team. During this time, he has still found a way to give back to his community through aiding students in their efforts to attend school in Les Cayes, and helping to rebuild the town after the devastating Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Recognizing his commitment to helping his community, the Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC), gave Samson and his group, the Organization pour l'Education et le Development Communautaire d'Haiti, a \$5,000 grant to boost his efforts.

Anne Caroline Valtin, Executive Director of the GCC, along with GCC Founder Paige Bellissimo and Equestrian Sport Productions COO David Burton, made the easy decision to help support Samson's charitable efforts. "Samson's work is meaningful and impactful, and those funds will go a long way in Haiti," said Valtin. "We want to support our team members who work so hard for us. They are creating change in Haiti and showing that by working together, we can create true change, which is the theme of this year's GCC event."

Samson, along with his family and uncle, who lives in New York, have assisted more than 100 kids from Les Cayes attend school for years, some of whom went on to attend university as well.

"I had a small library at my house," he said. "People still go there to get books, and I encourage them to come. This is where I started with my project to help people. God put it in my heart to help people, and I will help them as I can."

While education was always important to Samson and his family, the idea of basic necessities such as a roof overhead came into focus after Hurricane Matthew.

"My local town was totally devastated," said Samson.

"People didn't have anything left. My mom and dad were there, and they said they didn't have anything, not even a tree. I studied agriculture and environmental sciences. This is what I know best, how to plant trees and grow food. When they told me there was no trees, I understood, and I said we would try to see what we could do. Most of the houses fell down. I didn't know where to start, because I couldn't afford to rebuild everyone's houses."

Samson and his family spoke with the local community and ended up with more than 200 people who needed assistance, asking them to do what they could to rebuild their own houses and he would supply the group of engineers and supplies to replace the roofs.

"They were sleeping under the stars," he said. "It was very, very hard. We thought, 'How can parents send children to school when they don't even have a roof over their heads? We will try to see how we can help them cover roofs in our project.' We did what we could slowly. We recovered five total houses for people."

With the money from the GCC grant, Samson, along with his family and a group of volunteers in Haiti, will be able to replace more roofs for those still struggling after three years to have a safe home.

"From three years to now, people are still surviving," he said. "We can do a lot of things with what we just received. Money will be used to replace more roofs, and then we will look at spending on education and where we can help."

"I think it's a blessing to help people," Samson continued. "This is a part of our job and the job of everyone who gets the chance. If you can help, you help. God put me in the place to help others that can't help themselves. I'm so happy."

If you would like to help Samson and his community, please contact Anne Caroline Valtin at acv@greatcharitychallenge.com.

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