



WEEKLY WIRE

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WEEK 8



FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 3, 2019



**FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW,
DANIELLE GOLDSTEIN AND LIZZIEMARY**
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For the second year in a row, Danielle Goldstein and Lizziemary won the \$391,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic Grand Prix CSI 5*. ©Sportfot

Making their mark in the second five-star event of the circuit were Danielle Goldstein (ISR) and Lizziemary, who topped the \$391,000 Palm Beach Equine Clinic Grand Prix CSI 5* on Saturday, February 23, at the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). There were 37 entries in the five-star grand prix, and six were clear and moved on to the jump-off over a course designed by Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA).

First into the ring were Nayel Nassar (EGY) and Evergate Stables LLC's Lucifer V. They laid down an efficient trip with no faults in 39.91 seconds, which would hold up for third place. Following them were Emil Hallundbaek (DEN) and his own Chalisco, who came home in 40.02 seconds for fourth place.

Of stepping into the ring first in the jump-off, Nassar said, "It's always a tough spot to go first in the jump-off. He is a fast horse, but I didn't think that inside turn was quite there for me tonight. He's a little funny with walls, and I don't know him quite well enough to do that yet, but he feels so good."

"We're starting to find some consistency," said Nassar of the 13-year-old Westphalian gelding by Lord Dezi x Grandeur he has ridden since May 2018. "He's really a great, great horse and a ton of fun to ride. He's a little quirky in his own ways, but he really tries hard for you and once you get him going to the first jump, he is game for anything. I'm really proud of how he's going right now, and hopefully I will bring him back out for the next five-star night."

Nassar hasn't competed in a "Saturday Night Lights" event at WEF in two years, so a return to the podium was encouraging for the 28-year-old rider. "It means a ton," he expressed. "It's my first grand prix under the lights in a long time in Wellington. This horse is a bit of a newer ride for me, so I'm just really excited that it's going so well at this level. I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season, and I'm just really pleased with how he jumped tonight."

Alex Granato (USA) and Page Tredennick's Carlchen W went in the jump-off next and brought the leading time down to 39.51 seconds, which would finish in second place. Mario Deslauriers (CAN) and Wishing Well Farm LLC's Bardolina 2 were clear in 40.75 seconds and they finished in fifth place.

"Going around [from jumps one to two] I got a little hung-up," said Granato. "I got one or two extra strides to the wall than I wanted. That was the only place I wasn't thrilled with in the jump-off, but I thought he was really on the pace and did exactly what I wanted and stuck to the plan. I was happy with how it ended up. [Dani] was the clear winner with how she laid it on the table."

Granato and Carlchen W, an 11-year-old Mecklenberg gelding by Chacco-Blue x Continue, have had a streak of top finishes in the past year, including a win three weeks ago in a World Cup qualifier.

"In the last year and a half he's exceeded all of my expectations," said

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EQUITATION RIDERS PRODUCE FLAWLESS ROUNDS During Seventh Week of WEF



Marcus Au and It's Top Del Maset captured the USHJA Jumping Seat Medal win at WEF 7. ©Sportfot

Equitation riders shone during the seventh week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF). Both junior and amateur riders took to the rings at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center to test their skills after the first several weeks of competition.

Competition at WEF kicked off on Thursday morning with the NHS THIS Adult Medal where Becky Gochman emerged victorious. The Equine Tack & Nutritionals Ring saw a total of eight horse-and-rider combinations contest the course, and all pairings were invited back to test on the flat.

Gochman has owned the 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Indoctro x Pastorale) for several years and originally purchased him as a steady equitation mount for her daughters. After her daughters moved up to other horses, Gochman decided to take over the ride on the gelding to maintain his fitness as well as work on her own equitation skills to improve her riding.

Second place went to Amy Cooper with Boardwalk, a seven-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Cashmaker x Juliette. Anne Byers and the eight-year-old Oldenburg mare (Landtinus x Pick Pockets), Elle, rounded out the top three.

In the Omega Alpha Adult Amateur Equitation divisions, Alexandra Davidson of New York, NY, swept the division with three first places to earn the champion ribbon. Davidson was aboard

her own Tyruso, a 12-year-old Warmblood gelding by MYM Tyruso H x VDL Wacymthe. The reserve championship was awarded to Caroline Lloyd of Palm Beach, FL and her own Volare. She and the 16-year-old KWPN gelding (Indoctro x Ivory) finished with a total of two seconds and a fourth.

The SFHJA Junior Medal & THIS Children's Medal 14 & Under went to Taje Warrick and Bon Ami. Warrick of Wellington, FL, rode the seven-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Phin Phin x Cassiopea) for the AM Sport Horses South Inc. Second place in the medal went to Ella Davison and Grace Jordan's 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, Willem.

The Equine Tack & Nutritionals Ring saw a full day of equitation competition on Friday starting with the USHJA Jumping Seat Medal. Boca Raton, Florida resident Marcus Au bested a field of 36 top equitation riders to take the win with It's Top Del Maset. All combinations contested the over-fences portion of the medal, and the top 12 competitors were invited to return to the ring for a test on the flat. Riders were asked to show power and control with requests to demonstrate movements such as the working trot sitting and the working counter-canter.

Fourteen adult equitation riders contested the course in the FarmVet Ring on Saturday in hopes of returning to test for

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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 28, the Lunch & Learn Series will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Wellington Club. The topic is "A Journey Into What We Hold Most Important In Our Life - Family, Friends, Animals, Values - by New York Times bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe. Featuring a preview of her new book, *The Summer Guests*, set amidst equestrian living, and a presentation about Brooke USA, the leading charity dedicated to alleviating the suffering of working equines in the developing world. Foreword to *The Summer Guests* by Katherine Kaneb Bellissimo," and sponsored by Brooke USA. Pre-orders of the book are available on-site. This informational and educational series has a variety of subjects for horsemen and women to learn more for their horses and businesses. Admission is free for riders, trainers, and owners. Register at the door for a chance to win exciting prizes. Contact Kailey Blasius at 561-784-1137 or kblasius@equestriansport.com for more information.

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\$36,000 HERMÈS UNDER 25 SEMI-FINAL GRAND PRIX
The popular Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series will hold its \$36,000 Semi-Final Grand Prix on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in the WEF International Arena. Watch some of the best young talent in the world go head-to-head. General admission and parking are free.

GLOBAL LYME ALLIANCE RECEPTION

The Global Lyme Alliance will host a special event to raise awareness about Lyme disease—something we all need to be more aware of for ourselves and our horses. The reception will take place on March 2, 6-10 p.m., during the "Saturday Night Lights" \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO4*. Please join GLA board member, equestrian, and Wellington competitor Erin Walker at this important event. Get tickets (\$125) at GLA.org/2019florida or email events@GLA.org for more info.

"SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" - \$150,000 NATIONS CUP CSIO 4*

Which country will you be cheering for? The \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO 4* will be the featured class during "Saturday Night Lights" in the International Arena on Saturday, March 2, at 7 p.m. This always-exciting team competition features national pride as spectators cheer on their favorite country to win. Admission is free and parking is \$20/car with \$30 valet available.

THE VEUVE CLICQUOT SUITES - AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT

Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Veuve Clicquot Suites are available on Saturday, March 2. 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. 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.

COCKTAILS AND COMPETITION!

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On Sunday March 3, KAVAL & Friends are taking over The Gallery - overlooking the International Arena - for a day of shopping, socializing, and show jumping. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., come shop your favorite brands including: Callidae, Dada Sport, Equiline, Free x Rein, FWords, Hylofit, Oughton, jewelry by Palm Beach Bazaar, and of course a selection of other merchandise from kaval.com, including Lingua

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The \$209,000 Grand Prix CSIO 4* presented by Lugano Diamonds will take place as the jumper feature on Sunday, March 3. It will be held at 1 p.m. in the International Arena with the best riders challenging epic courses for top prize money. General admission and parking are free.

SAVE THE DATE

\$5,000 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY PRESENTED BY NICKERDOODLES

The \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby presented by NickerDoodles will be held on Friday, March 8, at 10 a.m. on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village (home of the Adequan Global Dressage Festival - 13500 South Shore Blvd.). Watch pony riders show off their skills! General admission and parking are free.

CHALLENGE OF THE AMERICAS

The Challenge of the Americas, known throughout the equestrian world for its spectacular Grand Prix Musical Quadrilles, will continue its fight against breast cancer on Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at Equestrian Village (home of the Adequan Global Dressage Festival - 13500 South Shore Blvd.). This one-of-a-kind affair showcases the Olympic sport of Dressage and includes the "Who's Who" of top equestrian competitors from the United States, Canada, Latin America, and Europe. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join the Breast Cancer Research Foundation & Play for P.I.N.K. as international riders perform to world-class music and choreography in their efforts to find a cure in our lifetime. General admission tickets are \$20 at the door (does not include entry to the Gala), while tickets and tables are for sale at www.ChallengeOfTheAmericas.com.

\$10,000 USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

The \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby will be held on Saturday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. on the grass derby field at Equestrian Village. Watch some of the best hunters in the nation compete and show off their skills over the beautiful hunter derby course on the grass. General admission and parking are free.

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Fairlane won Grand Prix in Callahan May 2018, 2nd twice and 3rd at Spruce Meadows Grand Prix, 2nd in Grand Prix Qualifier in Saratoga, won 2 classes in Dublin and 2nd at Spruce Meadows Masters in Qualifier for winning round. Owned by Ariel Grange, graduate of 2016 auction.



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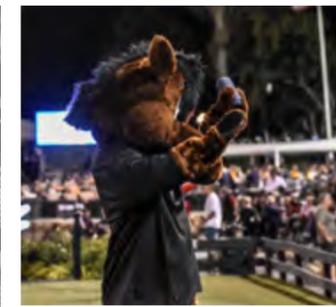
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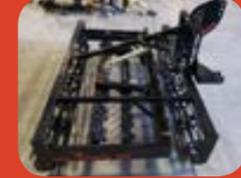
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Standings and Awards

WEF WEEK 7

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(after 12 qualifying events)

1. Beezie Madden (USA): 518
2. Karen Polle (JPN): 423
3. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 418
4. Amanda Derbyshire (GBR): 411
5. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 382



CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Championship Jumper Classic Series

(after 6 qualifying events)

1. Erynn Ballard (CAN): 162
2. Francisco Jose Mesquita Musa (BRA): 145
3. Luis Francisco de Azevedo (BRA): 144
4. Beezie Madden (USA): 134
5. Peter Lutz (USA): 127



Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Standings

(after 5 qualifying events)

Week 2 Class 98, Week 2 Class 99, Week 4 Class 98, Week 6 Class 98, Week 6 Class 99=Total

1. Ailish Cunniffe (USA): 17, 40, 34, 14, 32=137
2. Eugenio Garza Perez (MEX): 15, 42, 13, 22, 28=120
3. Jennifer Gates (USA): 11, 21, 20, 14.5, 41=107.50
4. Abigail McArdle (USA): 19, 26, 0, 16, 42=103
5. Zoe Conter (BEL): 9, 25, 29, 10.5, 26=99.5



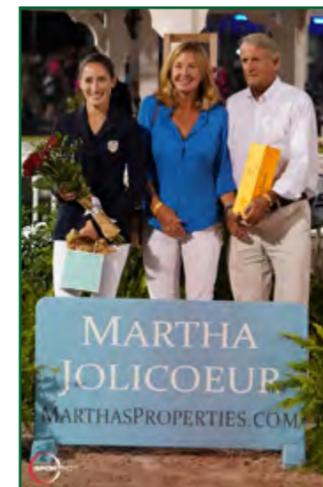
Champion Equine Insurance Hunter Style Award:

Dapper, ridden by Sandra Ferrell for Stephanie Bulger



Champion Equine Insurance Jumper Style Award:

Ladriano Z, ridden by Daniel Bluman for Over the Top Stables LLC



Jessica Springsteen was named the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider for WEF 7, presented by Elizabeth Boylan and Brad VanTassel. © Sportfot



Good Thing was all about the winning prize supplement from Palm Beach Equine Clinic presented by Dr. Candelaria Chunco for his victory in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'3" division with Carol Hoffman.



Kim Davidson, Head Trainer of Always Faithful Equestrian Club, presented the Medium Pony Hunter championship to Newhaven's Magnum, ridden by Mae Mannis for Addison Stoughton.



Elizabeth Flavell rode Phedora, owned by Erika Morales Sosa, to the championship in the Karina Brez Jewelry Low Adult Jumper 18-35 division presented by Liz Olszewski.



The Griffis Residential High Junior Jumper champions were Peacock Ridge LLC's Dasino and Yasmin Rizvi presented by Susan, Haley, and Georgia Griffis.



Taylor Land and Falco V won the \$36,000 Dutta Corp./Guido Klatte 1.45m Classic CSI 2, presented by Guido Klatte.



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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

WEEK 7
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Class Act, owned by Mary Beth Canfield and ridden by Molly McAdow, was the Equitan Performance Hunter 3'6" champion.



Duly Noted and Amy Momrow were the Perfect Products USHJA Hunter 3' Section A champions.



The Maria Mendelsohn Low Junior Jumper champion in WEF 6 was Donnalaris, ridden by Molly Canfield for Mary Beth Canfield.



Carlton, ridden and owned by Jennifer Perry, was the ProElite® Low Child/Adult Training Jumper champion.



Prestige and Kat Fuqua picked up the Large Green Pony Hunter championship at WEF 5 and 7.



The USHJA 2'6" Hunter champion was Acado, ridden by Maggie Gould for Sidney Porter.



Deeda Howard and Gambler were the Pegasus Builders Low Adult Jumper 36+ champions.



Jill Abrams rode R&R to the championship in the Free x Rein Adult Amateur Hunter Middle Section B.

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March 28-31, A Level 3

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RING 6

- Antarès Sellier France
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RINGS 9 & 10

- Barn Savers
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RING 11 (Pony Island)

- Palm Beach Int'l. Academy

BRIDGE DECKS

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- Equestrian Chic Pro
- Horse Scents Inc.
- Valecuatro

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INTERNATIONAL ARENA

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- Tiki Hut
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- Harry's Lemonade
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- Oasis Café

RINGS 9 & 10

- Muddy Paws Coffee
- PCI, Professional Concessions
- Magdalena's Mexican
- Nathalie's Café

BARN 4

- Anonymous Coffee

PONY ISLAND

- Tito's Mexican

SOUTH BARN 5

- Ted's Take Out



PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER (Main Grounds)



SHUTTLE ROUTE/PICK-UP LOCATIONS

EQUITATION WRAP UP

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the Ariat National Adult Medal. With a first round score of 82 and a flawless test, Chloe Schmidt of Ridgefield, CT, captured the win aboard the seven-year-old Holsteiner mare (Cunningham x Luo-Luo), Dramatic TF. Of the 14 original competitors, four were asked to return including Isabella Lombardo, Taylor Blackburn, Meghan Knapic, and Schmidt. Those that returned to test were asked to canter the first fence, counter-canter the second fence, canter fence seven, hand-gallop fence eight, and then exit the ring at a walk to demonstrate consistency and control of the horse.

Schmidt's sister Katherine has owned the mare since her two-year-old year and says the win is extra special for her. "Our parents bought her for us and we've had a bit of help, but we've really brought her up ourselves," Katherine said. "The fact that I can send my sister in there on her and they can win makes me really proud."

Knapic and First Blue LLC's Casino landed the second place ribbon while Taylor Blackburn and Carriage Hill Farm's Victurus Te Salutat finished third. Isabella Lombardo rode Emily Sukert's Liv to round out the top four.

Competition will resume Wednesday, February 27 for the eighth week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival.

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WEF 7 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



Daniel Bluman and Ladriano Z won the \$134,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 7. ©Sportfot

The seventh week of the 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) saw the return of FEI international five-star competition in the International Arena at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, FL, on Wednesday, February 20. Fifty-eight combinations contested the two-part course for the \$36,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m CSI 5*, but none could overcome Kelli Crucioti (USA) and Zidane.

Wednesday's modified power-and-speed format vanquished rider after rider with time faults running prominently throughout the competition. Only 11 horse-and-rider combinations successfully navigated a fault-free round through the track designed by Anthony D'Ambrosio (USA). Of those 11 combinations, Crucioti and the Serenity Farm's 15-year-old KWPN mare (Cantos x Midante) managed to remain untouched with an efficient time of 24.60 seconds over the second phase of the course.

In Thursday's featured WEF Challenge Cup class, the \$134,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 7, 56 entries faced-off over the Anthony D'Ambrosio designed track, with 16 horse and rider combinations ultimately qualifying for the short course on Thursday, February 21.

Daniel Bluman of Israel and Ladriano Z, owned by Over the Top Stables, LLC, were the very first to contest the jump-off track, and they set a time to beat of 38.09 seconds that would go untouched by the remainder of the returning entries. Coming the closest to Bluman's time was Egypt's Nayel Nassar aboard Lucifer V, owned by Evergate Stables, LLC, who finished in 38.54 seconds. Also finishing less than a second off of Bluman's lead time was third place finisher Paul O'Shea (IRL), with a time of 38.80 seconds riding Skara Glen's Presence, and fourth place finisher Darragh Kenny (IRL), who rode Important de Muze to a jump-off time of 38.90 seconds.

Brazil's Eduardo Menezes and H5 Caruschka 2 outpaced a field of 52 entries to win the \$36,000 Bainbridge 1.45m Classic CSI 5* on Friday, February 22, during Week 7 of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) in Wellington, FL.

In the featured speed class, the early time to beat over the Anthony D'Ambrosio-designed course had been set at 64.00 seconds by Marilyn Little (USA) and Clearwater, but when Menezes and H5 Caruschka 2 entered the ring during the second half of the class, they made short work of the course, shaving more than two seconds off of Little's time to take over the lead in 61.90 seconds.

That time would hold up through the remaining 13 entries to give Menezes the win, while Ireland's Daniel Coyle and his own Leilani would narrowly edge out Little to take second with a time of 63.78 seconds, giving third place to Little and Clearwater, owned by Karen O'Connor.

In the \$72,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI 5*, there were 45 entries competing over a course designed by Anthony D'Ambrosio. Four were able to go clear in the first 20 trips in the class, and they went on to go for speed in the jump-off. Mclain Ward (USA) went first in the jump-off on HH Gigi's Girl, owned by Double H Farm. A rail and a time of 39.41 seconds left them in fourth place.

Lorenzo de Luca (ITA), riding Stephex Stables' Evita Van't Zoggehof, were next in and they were very quick and clear in 37.81 seconds, which would slot into second place. Third place went to Carlos Hank Guerreiro (MEX) on H5 Jemousin, owned by H5 Stables, who was clear in 41.07 seconds.

Last proved to be the best when Ward returned with Tradition de la Roque, a 12-year-old Selle Français mare by Kannan x Oberon du Moulin. They sped through the short course in 37.55 seconds, just taking the win by less than three-tenths of a second.

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WHERE DO YOU WORK, WHEN DID YOU START WORKING THERE, AND WHAT IS YOUR WORKING THERE?

I work at Palm Beach Equine Clinic. I started working at the clinic in November of 2017. I am an ambulatory veterinary technician.

WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND IN THE HORSE INDUSTRY?

I've been around horses for most of my life. I have shown in equitation and jumpers. I also have shown with equestrian drill teams as well as competed in competitive trail challenges. Life is hectic during season, so these days, I'm just enjoying relaxing trail rides with my horses at the local and state parks.

HOW DO YOU THINK IT IS HELPING YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED AND WORKING AT THE WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL?

Working on horses at WEF allows me to learn more equine sports medicine and all of the protocols equestrians take to keep their horses performing at their best.

WHAT IS YOUR TYPICAL DAY LIKE WHEN YOU ARE WORKING AT WEF?

A typical day of working at WEF usually includes performance evaluations, shockwave therapy, helping horses who may be sore from the day's competition feel better, and occasionally treating a colic.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING WITH THE HORSES AT WEF?

I enjoy working with the horses at WEF because they are all such beautiful athletes. I love when I see our equine patients winning ribbons in the show ring!

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU THINK YOU'VE LEARNED FROM WORKING AT WEF THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE LEARNED OTHERWISE?

By working on horses at WEF, I have learned about all of the drug rules and guidelines that have to be followed in order for horses to compete in certain classes.

HAS THERE BEEN ANY EXPERIENCE DURING YOUR TIME THAT HAS STOOD OUT TO YOU AS MEMORABLE?

The most memorable experience of working at WEF thus far was assisting the veterinarian treating an adorable chestnut mare who was colicking. She just got back to her stall after showing and the owners called in a panic because their mare collapsed in the stall and was acting extremely painful. So we rushed out to their tent and began our exam, nasogastric intubation, and treatment of the horse. Thankfully, the colic was resolved, and she is feeling better and has brought home many ribbons this season!

\$391,000 PALM BEACH EQUINE CLINIC GRAND PRIX CSI 5* CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Granato of the horse he's ridden for six years. "He's come so far, and he's done a lot for and with me now. He's on form, and now he just keeps stepping up to the plate for me. I'm thrilled about it!"

Goldstein and Lizziemary galloped into the arena, and with a daring inside turn from the first to the second "WEF wall" jump, they continued on a scorching pace to stop the timers in 37.76 seconds.

"Going into the jump-off, I knew I had Kent after me," Goldstein recalled. "I saw [Nayel and Alex] go. I had walked inside to the wall, and I knew it looked sort of dicey, but my horse is good about those sort of weird angles. She didn't quite see it today, and I got a little bit lucky I thought. I thought, "You gotta go out there. If you don't try to win, you never win, so you might as well try."

Last in was Kent Farrington (USA) on his and RCG Farm's Creedance. They were fast in 38.65 seconds, but a rail in the double combination left them in sixth place.

Goldstein and Lizziemary won this same five-star grand prix during week 7 of last year's WEF, and it was a great return to the winner's circle for the pair that competed for Israel at the FEI World Equestrian Games™ Tryon 2018 last September.

"It's amazing to win two years in a row," she said. "It's a hard feat to win one year, let alone two years in a row, so I'm shocked and amazed and happy. I was really thrilled."

"It felt like a long time coming," Goldstein continued. "I jumped the last couple of big grand prix [classes] clear, and I would have one down in the jump-off, or I'd have one unlucky fault and it felt like I was at the edge and we were really close. This is not ideal weather; it's sticky and hot and she was breathing heavy, but she managed to pull it all together. Even in the warm-up, I thought she may be a tad empty, but she went in there and tried her heart out. It was really amazing."

Palm Beach Equine Clinic serves as the official veterinarians of the Winter Equestrian Festival, providing hospital and on-site services. "Palm Beach Equine Clinic has been offering services to the equestrians and horses of South Florida since 1981, so it's been here as Wellington has grown," said Dr. Richard Wheeler. "We have a vet here on the grounds any time there is a horse in the ring, so basically every day of the week, day and night. It's a big family, and we're all very, very proud to be a part of this event. It's great to see such a high level of sport and congratulations to these riders."

The owner of the winning horse, Lizziemary, received a two-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:

\$391,000 PALM BEACH EQUINE CLINIC GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

- 1 LIZZIEMARY: 2006 AES mare by Cabri d'Elle x Acord II DANIELLE GOLDSTEIN (ISR), The Golden Group & Danielle Goldstein: 0/0/37.76
- 2 CARLCHEN W: 2008 Mecklenberg gelding by Chacco-Blue x Continue ALEX GRANATO (USA), Page Tredennick: 0/0/39.51
- 3 LUCIFER V: 2006 Westphalian gelding by Lord Dezi x Grandeur NAYEL NASSAR (EGY), Evergate Stables LLC: 0/0/39.91
- 4 CHALISCO: 2007 Oldenburg gelding by Chacco-Blue x Quidam de Revel EMIL HALLUNDBAEK (DEN), Emil Hallundbaek: 0/0/40.02
- 5 BARDOLINA 2: 2009 Holsteiner mare by Clarimo x Landos MARIO DESLAURIERS (CAN), Wishing Well Farm LLC: 0/0/40.756
- 6 CREEDANCE: 2007 Dutch Warmblood gelding by Lord Z x Notaris KENT FARRINGTON (USA), RCG Farm & Kent Farrington: 0/4/39.652
- 7 CHAMEUR 137: 2008 Westphalian gelding by Cayetano L x Grossadmiral GEORGINA BLOOMBERG (USA), Purple Road LLC: 1/84.03
- 8 RMF ZECILIE: 2007 Holsteiner mare by Acolord x Canturo JESSICA SPRINGSTEEN (USA), Rushy Marsh Farm: 1/84.99
- 9 SARI: 2008 Selle Francais mare by Ninio de Rox x Timorak des Isles KAREN POLLE (JPN), Kinoshita Group: 1/85.20
- 10 BLUE MOVIE: 2006 Anglo European mare by Chacco Blue x Pilot ROWAN WILLIS (AUS), Rowan Willis: 4/78.52
- 11 CLOONEY 51: 2006 Westphalian gelding by Comet Obolensky x Ferragamo MARTIN FUCHS (SUI), Luigi Baleri: 4/80.06
- 12 LADRIANO Z: 2008 Zangersheide gelding by Lawito x Baloubet du Rouet DANIEL BLUMAN (ISR), Over the Top Stables LLC: 4/80.81

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Amateur Hour Karen Bailey



What is your background in riding?

My family raised racehorses so we have always been involved with horses. So I grew up riding and then I quit about ten years ago, and I just started back two years ago. I'm now in Grad School, after being out of school for 20 something years, to get my PhD in Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia. I thought riding would really help me personally, so I got a horse to just trail ride and I fell back in love with horse showing again.

What do you compete in now?

I show in the low adults! I have a hunter and jumper and they're awesome. I love them so much and they're my best friends.

Your horses look like twins! Is it fun to have a jumper and a hunter?

Yes! They are both chestnuts with a white blaze and I think I was really blessed in finding the right horses, or

the right horses found me. I think it definitely helps to have a jumper and hunter, but if you gave me a donkey I would do the donkey races! I fell in love with Baton Rouge, my jumper, and I had never even sat on him. Then Simply Red is my hunter, and he has previously had anxiety issues, but I just fell in love with him too. He is quirky, and I love horses with personalities. I love finding horses that need me and I need them because then it becomes a good fit all around.

You have a really cool job, can you tell us about that?

I'm the founder and current President of the Kentucky Wildlife Center! Both of my parents were always very involved with saving animals and being conscious of wildlife, so when I graduated from Vanderbilt with an MBA, I moved to Kentucky to work with horses. A family friend found three baby raccoons in their barn, and I am probably the only sucker who they knew would take them! So the rescue idea kind of found me. It started with those three raccoons, and now we take in over 1,000 animals per year! I realized there was a need because a lot of these animals were being euthanized because they didn't have a place to go. I'm still shocked how that whole thing happened and how it has taken over my life!

How have horses impacted your life?

You know honestly, they have saved my life. Things had gotten so crazy for me and school is really hard being a PhD student. Then my dad passed away and my stallion passed away in the same year. Also running a Wildlife non-profit is very emotionally, physically, and financially taxing, so coming back to a sport I loved with animals I loved helped me tremendously. I'm a part of a barn that feels like a home and a family. It's not just an escape, but it's an oasis. It helps me handle the other stresses in my life that seem so challenging.

Also, coming back as an older rider, I have realized I do this because I truly love it. I love the horses, the people, and the whole atmosphere. You really have to do it for the right reasons as well. I feel very blessed when my horses get good ribbons, but it's an even greater feeling when I get to spend time with them everyday.

What advice would you give to another amateur competing at WEF for the first time?

Just enjoy every bit of it! I love the trail riding, and everyone is so friendly. I can only describe it as Disneyland for horse people! I was really intimidated when I first got down here, but everyone shares the same passion that you do so I guess my advice would be to enjoy it. What we get to do is such a privilege and a blessing.

Thanks for chatting with us Karen, and thank you for all that you do for Wildlife!



WEF SPORT HORSE AUCTION Prepares for 2019 Edition of Prestigious Auction

The 2019 WEF Sport Horse Auction, the premier sport horse auction in the United States, will once again feature top prospects from the distinguished VDL Stud in the Netherlands on Thursday, February 28, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Equestrian Village at PBI. The auction, which has garnered tremendous success since its inception, will highlight a group of fifteen fantastic horses, ranging in age and experience level.

Trials will begin on Wednesday, February 20, at Ossian Ventures and continue through Thursday, February 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trials must be scheduled through Janko van de Lageweg at (832) 706-3407 or jankovdl@gmail.com. Veterinary Repositories are available by request.



MEET VDL IBIZA

VDL Ibiza is a fantastic prospect for an amateur, junior, or a young professional looking to make their mark on the Grand Prix circuit. Born in 2013, VDL Ibiza (Inshallah de Muze x Indoctro), is currently competing at the 1.20m level with the scope for much higher. VDL Ibiza has a light-footed canter and a powerful hind-end, with a quick step and strong technique. His sire, Inshallah de Muze, has an outstanding pedigree (Nabab de Reve x For Pleasure), and has had a very strong start to his breeding career with top results. VDL Ibiza's dam, Watch me B. (Indoctro x Capitol I) has produced the already successful jumper Diamond JWB, campaigned by Russia's Natalia Kurguzova.



Jeff Gogul and Jackie MacDonald Take Home Victories in \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby



Jeff Gogul and Counselor won the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby Professional.

The 2019 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) hosted the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby on Friday, February 22, during Week 7 of the season. Rings 11 and 12 at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center were combined to allow course designer Robert McGregor room for a larger track with more options. The derby was split into two categories—professional and junior/amateur—that each offered \$10,000 in prize money and saw over 30 horse-and-rider combinations contest each section.

Jeff Gogul secured the win in the professional section aboard Roaring Brook LLC's Counselor, while Jackie MacDonald bested the field in the junior/amateur section with Jennifer MacDonald's Chalk Hill.

Gogul dominated the professional division as he and the nine-year-old Holsteiner gelding earned scores of 92.00 and 91.00 points for a grand total of 183.00 points. His mount, Counselor, was only purchased in Europe at the end of the previous summer for amateur

student Abby Wagner and had never previously competed in the hunters before making his trip to the U.S.

"He's a great guy because he's a real straight shooter and extremely brave," Gogul explained. "You can always count on him to jump the jumps in good style because you can gallop down the line and he will still produce a high, slow jump. He's very consistent in his jumping form."

Gogul said the experience of having the class up at what is commonly known as "Pony Island" brought a fresh feel to the competition and allowed for a better warm-up.

"It was a really nice day because you had the huge warm-up area to prepare in and then a nice big ring to show in because they combined the rings," he commented. "The course was very inviting; I had to help him a bit more in the second round than the first because of the heat, but I think the course suited him well."

The reserve in the professional section went to Meredith Gallagher and Annette Friend's Rebel De Vity with scores of 86.5 points and 93.00 points combining for a total of 179.5 points. Third place went to Havens Schatt with Julia McNerney's Caemlyn Z with a total of 174.00 points after accumulating 91.00 points and 83.00 points.

MacDonald's family has owned the 11-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Calato x Liberty I) for several years, but she only took over the ride from her sister earlier last year. The pair held a three-point lead in the junior/amateur section with combined scores of 87.00 points and 84.00 points to produce a total of 171.00 points.

"He has a really great expression overall. He looks



The win in the \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby Junior/Amateur went to Chalk Hill, ridden by Jackie MacDonald. Photos © ESP/Liza Goodlett

happy to be doing his job all of the time, and I just really love that about him," she said of her mount.

"I've mainly been focusing on getting him to come back to me more before the jump so he can produce a better form over the top," she continued. "I don't get to train much during the week because I am usually in Massachusetts and he is down here, but I was able to spend the entire week down here this past week. I think that really helped me to be able to establish what I wanted to fix."

The junior/amateur section second place was awarded to Kristen Simmons and her own Curb Appeal with scores of 90.00 points and 79.00 points totaling 169.00 points overall. Hannah Loeffelbein and Two Point Equestrian LLC's Trendsetter landed the third place with scores of 79.00 points and 88.00 points totaling 167.00.



MEET VDL DOHA

Born in 2013, VDL Doha (Douglas x Cardento) is a very special horse with an impeccable pedigree. This beautiful dapple grey gelding is currently competing at the 1.20m and is a son of the iconic Douglas. VDL Doha also has one of the strongest marelins in VDL Auction history. He is scopey and careful, and has an class finish over the fences. He has the absolute potential to jump at the Grand Prix level and be very successful. His sire, Douglas (Darco x Capitol I), is one of the most popular stallions of our generation and is a son of the legendary Darco. Ridden by Ireland's Conor Swail, Douglas excelled at the 1.60m level and has produced an immense list of successful offspring including Dallas VDL, Suma's Zorro, Icarus, Dougie Douglas, and Daddy Cool. His dam, Emmasinna-A (Cardento x Emilion) was a "Keur" awarded mare who competed successfully at the 1.50m level. Her sire, the famous Cardento, was ridden by Peter Eriksson and won championships all over the globe, including an Olympic silver at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

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Laura Chapot and Chandon Blue

Speed to Win \$50,000 Dutta Corp./Guido Klatté Grand Prix CSI 2*



Laura Chapot and Chandon Blue won the \$50,000 Dutta Corp./Guido Klatté Grand Prix CSI 2*. © Sportfot

In a field of 45 competitors, Laura Chapot (USA) and Mary Chapot's Chandon Blue sped to the win in the \$50,000 Grand Prix CSI 2*, presented by The Dutta Corp. in association with Guido Klatté. Chapot and Chandon Blue were one of eight clear in the first round and fourth to return in the jump-off over a course designed by Andy Christiansen Jr.

First to return in the jump-off were Bretton Chad (CAN) and The Pugilist, who put down a deceptively fast clear round in 38.72 seconds that would hold up for second place. After a fall and a scratch from the next two competitors, Peter Wylde (USA) and Canamera 2, owned by Kathleen Kamine, entered the ring and finished in 39.99 seconds for fifth place.

"Basically my plan was to leave it all on the table," said Chad of her jump-off ride. "There were only eight in the jump-off, and one wasn't going to go. I'm not the most experienced jump-off rider, so I thought I should just give it what I had."

Chad has been riding The Pugilist, a 15-year-old Irish

Sport Horse gelding by ARD VDL Douglas x Freddie's Star, for five years. "He's been unbelievable for me, taken me all the way up," she expressed. "He's pretty unique. If you just saw him in the stall, I don't think you would really think he's a jumping horse. He's more like a Quarter Horse! He's a bit bouncy, but once you get him going, his stride gets massive. He can pretty much do it all; he can add, he can leave out. He's a wonder horse."

"I'm really appreciative to him and my whole team at Torrey Pines," she continued. "Everyone was here behind me, cheering me on, so that was really cool."

Chapot and Chandon Blue went next and through a combination of speed and tight turns, they brought the leading time down to 37.85 seconds for the win.

"Fortunately I wasn't in the beginning of the jump-off this time, which was a nice opportunity because I got to see a few go," Chapot described. "I saw Bretton go and then I saw Peter go and leave out the strides and still be slower than her. That kind of made all the decisions for me. There was no playing it safe, especially with the few behind me who are very fast riders with fast horses. I just tried to do as few strides between the first couple jumps and make the turn, and then keep the rhythm through the end of the course. He's a very fast horse naturally, so you hope that it would hold up and I was fortunate that it did."

Three more combinations would chase Chapot's time, including Hardin Towell on Oakland Ventures LLC's Billy Cool (39.63 seconds for fourth place), Meredith Michaels-Berbaum (GER) on La Caramba, owned by Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC (39.12 seconds for third place), and Hunter Holloway (USA) riding Hays Investment Corp.'s VDL Bravo S, who had eight faults in 40.02 seconds. None of them could catch her time.

Michaels-Berbaum was thrilled with La Caramba, a nine-year-old Holsteiner mare by Carambole x Caratino

2 that her husband Markus found in Germany and was purchased in May 2018.

"When I tried her, I fell in love with her," said Michaels-Berbaum. "She's very, very fast and extremely careful. When I go to the fence, if I go anywhere near it, she's going to give everything to clear the jump. That helps a lot to go fast. She's very big, but still narrow and very thoroughbred-y. I feel so comfortable on her."

"I must say, I brought her along nicely over the last three-quarters of the year, but this was a big step up for her," said Michaels-Berbaum of the mare that was showing in her first two-star grand prix. "I was just so pleased with her because I think the horse has tremendous talent and a wonderful mind. I'm delighted to have her and this was a shining star for us today. I think she's going to be a great one."

For Chapot, a change in Chandon Blue's bit at the beginning of the year - she went from a pelham to a "western bit" long shank snaffle - made the difference for her ride and the horse's adjustability. "It's made him a lot easier to either fit in the strides or leave it out," she explained. "He just seems to respond to it a lot easier. I can leave out [strides] and still make the turn after the jump."

It was an exciting win for Chapot and Chandon Blue, who have picked up two seconds and a third in FEI ranking classes so far at the 2019 WEF.

"I'm just so pleased for the horse to have won the class," she said of the 14-year-old Oldenburg gelding by Chacco Blue x Landcapitol. "He really deserves it. He's been jumping brilliantly the whole circuit and especially the last two weeks, he's been over the top. He just has so much spirit and enthusiasm for this sport that it's really nice for him to have a win. Everyone and the team puts in so much effort, and it's a lot of work down here. It's a nice reward for everyone."

Jennifer Wood

THE DESLAURIERS: A triple threat in show jumping



Lucy and Mario Deslauriers. Photo © Starting Gate Communications.

The Deslauriers name is widely recognized in the world of show jumping. Lisa Deslauriers, now a successful real estate broker in New York, spent many years competing at the international level, representing the United States in Nations Cup events and at the World Cup Finals.

At the age of 19, her husband Mario (who rides for Canada) was thrust into the spotlight when he topped the field in Göteborg, Sweden to become the youngest rider ever to win the World Cup show jumping final; a record he still holds. Today, the two-time Olympian has a compadre in the ring: his daughter Lucy, who is following in her parents' footsteps with impressive competition results, already carving out a stellar career of her own while competing for the United States.

Saturday night at the Winter Equestrian Festival, Mario and Lucy will be competing for their respective countries in the \$150,000 Nations Cup CSIO4*; one donning the stars and stripes, the other wearing the maple leaf proudly. For Lucy, it has been a lifelong dream to wear the famous U.S. team show jacket.

"Putting on the coat for the first time was a very special moment for me," said the 19-year-old rider. "I had been aspiring to compete on the senior team for the U.S. ever since I had first seen my mom do it when I was little."

When asked about the opportunity to ride for her team, there's no shortage of positive adjectives in her vocabulary. Just moments into a conversation about her

career, it's abundantly clear how much she appreciates the opportunities she's been given and is excited to be soaking in every moment. Day in and day out, Lucy continues to prove she's up for the challenge of representing her country.

"It is hard to describe the feeling of coming out of the ring knowing you just performed for something bigger than yourself," she said.

The young superstar also has a unique partnership with her top mount, Hester. For many riders, good horses come and go over the years as they develop their careers. For Lucy, she's had the privilege of rising through the ranks on the same horse, learning and growing with him. The added bonus is they're both really good at it.

"I started riding Hester when I was 13 and he was eight in the Low Junior Jumpers, so each time we are able to conquer something new feels incredibly rewarding and exciting," she said. "He's such a reliable partner and gives me so much confidence every time we walk in the ring."

Having grown up in an equestrian-focused family, there's certainly been no shortage of learning and a wealth of knowledge to absorb. The dynamic between mom, dad, and daughter is an active one as they combine talents and work together to map out the best plan for success in the ring. While Lisa primarily helps on the ground and does some riding at the farm, Mario is immersed in the day-to-day competition aspect.



Lucy, Lisa, and Mario Deslauriers. Photo courtesy of the Deslauriers family.



Lucy and Mario Deslauriers walking the course in 2007 and 2016. Photo © Debra Jamroz.

"It sounds very cheesy, but I think one of the biggest lessons I've learned from my dad, and continue to learn from him, is that this sport takes an incredible amount of hard work and dedication," said Lucy. "We both have very big ambitions, and I believe I can only begin to achieve my goals if I am able to work as hard as him and stay committed through the inevitable highs and lows of the sport."

Watching the pair in action at a horse show is something quite remarkable and worth taking a moment to observe. A combination of sheer focus and determination mixed with a softer side. From watching their demeanor, there is undoubted admiration and love that they have for each other. It's easy to see why the dynamic works so well.

"It gives me enormous pride to ride and compete alongside my daughter," said Mario. "It is fun and nerve-wracking at the same time. I want her to do well and I am always pulling for her, while worrying about myself at the same time. I could not be more proud, and I continue to be each and every time she goes in the ring and represents her country."

They'll be competitors in the International Ring on Saturday night, but the Deslauriers clan will be a team all week, preparing tirelessly and working hard to continue to make an impact at the top of the sport.

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