



WEEKLY WIRE



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KENT FARRINGTON AND CREEDANCE SOAR TO STUNNING VICTORY IN MARSHALL & STERLING / GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP GRAND PRIX



Kent Farrington and Creedance sped to the grand prix win at WEF 4. @Sportfot

manages Creedance's schedule together with co-owner Haity McNerney. "I try every winter when I'm here to pick a few weeks where he comes out. The caliber of horses here is very high, and that's why I think you saw such a strong result from a lot of people today."

Farrington's time of 34.07 seconds eclipsed Lambre's 34.52-second finish, bumping the WEF two grand prix winner to runner-up.

"Cetano's getting better and better, and he's improved in the last year," said Lambre of his 11-year-old Zangersheide gelding (Clinton x Ahorn Z). "Last year, he couldn't go as fast, but now the rideability is much better. I always try to win, and today, he did a great job. After me, there were very fast riders. I'm very happy with second place."

Rounding out the podium, home rider Jessica Springsteen (USA), stopped the jump-off clock at 35.41 seconds riding Volage du Val Henry for third place. Springsteen also earned the Martha W. Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award for her consistency in both the grand prix and the WEF Challenge Cup earlier in the week.

"She's been in such good shape these past couple months," said Springsteen of Volage du Val Henry, an 11-year-old Selle Français mare (Quidam de Revel x Cassini I) owned by Stone Hill Farm. "She was great on Thursday. I thought I was pretty quick, and I ended up sixth. So today, I wanted to go for it a little bit more. We still weren't quite fast enough, but she's such a talented horse. I love riding her."

Fellow U.S. rider Katie Dinan finished fourth on a jump-off time of 37.63 seconds riding Dougie Douglas for owners Grant Road Partners LLC, and Alberto Michan (ISR) rounded out the top five after being the first clear over the opening track. Michan piloted 10-year-old Oldenburg mare Cosa Nostra for owner Daniel Michan.

Lindsay Brock

U.S. Olympic team silver medalist Kent Farrington and Creedance did what they do best by galloping full tilt to win the \$214,000 Marshall & Sterling / Great American Insurance Group Grand Prix CSI4* in the Global Ring at Equestrian Village (home to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival) on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

From a starting field of 39 horses, 11 advanced to the tie-breaking jump-off set by Brazilian course designer Anderson Lima. After pocketing a grand prix win earlier in the season, Mexico's Santiago Lambre was poised for a repeat before Farrington and Creedance charged into the ring. Farrington utilized the 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding's exceptional speed to steal the lead by just under half of a second.

"Creedance is an exceptional horse; he's naturally so fast and such a winner," said Farrington of his mount (Lord Z x Notaris). "He's unbelievably careful and at the same time very brave. He delivered like he usually does, and I was very proud of him today.

"I try to show him where he likes and not overuse him in places where I don't think he needs to jump," continued Farrington on how he

OVER \$1 MILLION DISTRIBUTED AT 11TH ANNUAL GREAT CHARITY CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS®



The top three teams, along with their charity and team sponsor representatives, for the 2020 Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments®. @Sportfot

Palm Beach County cheered as equestrians and their mounts, representing local non-profit organizations, competed for a share of more than \$1 million in prize money at the Great Charity Challenge presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC) on Saturday, February 1. Held at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC), the GCC has become a highlight of the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) and has distributed over \$15.8 million to more than 256 local organizations in 11 years.

Determined to feature the power of united communities, the GCC is an exciting show jumping event that blends equestrian sports and philanthropy, bringing hope to 40 Palm Beach County charities this year.

With riders dressed up in costumes and horses adorned to match them, this year's theme of "Broadway Musicals" paid recognition to the wisdom commonly found in these plays. From "You can change the world if you change your mind" (Kinky Boots) and "Even the darkest night will end and the sun will rise!" (Les Misérables), to "If you stand for nothing Burr, what will you fall for?" (Hamilton), all who attended the event were inspired to foster the change they wish to see in their own backyards.

With February 1, 2020 marking National Freedom Day, PBIEC and the GCC joined forces with all 12 Wellington public schools through a special initiative to bring added awareness to the event's theme and drive community involvement. Students from first through 12th grades

were asked to demonstrate what opportunities freedom offers while incorporating recycled materials. The "Art Gallery" was proudly displayed at PBIEC showcasing inspiring creations of how everyday trash can actually be turned into creative treasures.

The winning team of riders: Jessica Mendoza riding Flashback VDS, Caroline Mewhinney aboard Ballerine de Revel, and first time GCC participant Ana Sofia Rodriguez on Carolina du Toulitia Z, sponsored by team sponsor Van Kampen Foundation and corporate sponsor CGM Farms, came in the ring to the music of the Broadway musical "Chicago" and finished with a time of 94.912 seconds. Their strategy and teamwork paid off for Spirit of Giving Network, a local non-profit organization that creates alliances with nonprofit organizations by sharing resources and providing education to strengthen local communities through a variety of causes. They earned the top prize of \$150,000. The sliding scale for the balance of the proceeds, down to 24th place, won a minimum of \$15,000, ensuring that everyone was a winner.

"The Spirit of Giving is a collaborative non-profit, and we have 72 other non-profit members underneath us that benefit families and children, but we have a lot of variety too," said Executive Director Lindy Harvey. "So, not only is this helping us, it's helping 72 other members and thousands of local children. It's a very big win for us.

"We all work so hard for our money and to get grants and donors, and this

WINTER EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL RECOGNIZES WEEK 5 SPONSOR FIDELITY INVESTMENTS®

Equestrian Sport Productions (ESP) welcomes Fidelity Investments® as a returning sponsor for the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, FL. Fidelity Investments® has been a sponsor of the Winter Equestrian Festival for 13 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 5-9, which will feature the \$401,000 Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix CSI 5* on Saturday, February 8.

The Great Charity Challenge, presented by Fidelity Investments® (GCC) was held during the fourth week of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival on Saturday, February 1. 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 "Broadway Musicals," equestrians competed in support of 25 charities. 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 10 years, more than \$14.5 million has been given to more than 240 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 in Palm Beach Gardens.

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PBIEC WEEK 5&6 UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

On Thursday, February 6, the Lunch & Learn Series continues for the 2020 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 "Latest Technology Trends in the Horse Industry with Juliana Chapman, founder of The Tech Equestrian," sponsored by HorseLinc. Contact Miranda Tiona at 561-784-1137 or mtiona@equestriansport.com for more information.

FEI RIDER HEADSHOTS

Riders competing in the FEI jumper division can get their headshot taken by renowned photographer Elena Lusenti on Thursday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hermès Rider Lounge in the International Arena Warm-Up Ring. Styling by Suzy Drasin will be available, and photos will be used in WEF promotional materials and on the Jumbotron during "Saturday Night Lights" competition. Riders - don't miss this opportunity to have a professional headshot taken!

\$3,000 GROOM'S CLASS PRESENTED BY HORSELINC

Come show off your skills in the popular \$3,000 Groom's Class presented by HorseLinc during WEF 5 on Friday, February 7, at approximately 3 p.m. in Ring 10. Grooms are asked to register in the Show Office prior to the class. Ribbons and prizes will be presented! And, don't forget to save the date for the WEF 10 Groom's Class taking place on Friday, March 13.

ADEQUAN® GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL CDI-W

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 CDI-W, presented by Helgstrand Dressage on Friday, February 7. 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" \$401,000 FIDELITY INVESTMENTS® GRAND PRIX CSI 5*

The grand prix competition continues at WEF 5 on Saturday, February 8, 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.

MARS EVENTING SHOWCASE

The MARS Eventing Showcase will be held at Equestrian Village on February 8-9 with dressage on Saturday followed by stadium jumping and cross-country on Sunday. More than 20 top Eventing riders are expected to attend this Advanced level competition. Various Hospitality ticket options are available for purchase and include breakfast, lunch and open bar. Visit www.PBIEC.com for more information!

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Located in the Special Events Pavilion, The Veuve Clicquot Suites will be available on Saturday, February 8, for the first five-star "Saturday Night Lights" event of the season, the \$401,000 Fidelity Investments® Grand Prix CSI 5*. 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 561-784-1136 to book your Suite today.

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WEEK 6 JUMPER CLASSES MOVE TO EQUESTRIAN VILLAGE

FEI 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.), \$37,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic (Saturday 12 p.m.), \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix (Sunday 9 a.m.), and \$25,000 CP Grand Prix [National] (Sunday 1 p.m.).

In the Global International Arena, jumper classes include: \$37,000 Douglas Elliman Real Estate 1.45m Classic (Wednesday, 10 a.m.), \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 6 (Thursday, 1 p.m.), and the highlight jumper class of the week, the \$137,000 Grand Prix CSI 3* (Friday, 7 p.m.).

USHJA/WCHR PETER WETHERILL PALM BEACH HUNTER SPECTACULAR HUNT GALA

The 2020 \$100,000 USHJA/WCHR Peter Wetherill Palm Beach Hunter Spectacular Hunt Gala will be held on Saturday, February 15, ringside in the International Club. Cocktails are served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reserve your table at USHJA.org/WCHRSpectacular.

DANNY AND RON'S RESCUE KIDS LIP SYNC TALENT SHOW BENEFIT

The 11th annual Kids Lip Sync Show benefitting Danny and Ron's Rescue will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020, at 6 p.m. in the Special Events Pavilion. This year's "The Voice Edition" with new awards will feature special performances by iconic equestrians and children who believe in saving lives as well. To purchase tickets and more information, please visit <https://dannyransrescue.org/events>.

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The highly-anticipated GAUNTLET OF POLO™ series kicks off this week at the International Polo Club Palm Beach. The first tournament of the series is the C.V. Whitney Cup beginning with games on Wednesday. Check out this week's full game schedule below.

CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S
FULL GAME SCHEDULE BELOW.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

3:00 p.m.: Park Place vs. La Indiana

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

3:00 p.m.: Las Monjitas vs. Equuleus

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:00 p.m.: Patagones vs. Old Hickory Bourbon
3:00 p.m.: Pilot vs. Dutta Corp

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 a.m.: Santa Clara vs. Tonkawa
3:00 p.m.: Postage Stamp Farm vs. Daily Racing Form

Join us for the fun-filled highlight match of the week on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. on the U.S. Polo Assn. Field 1. Enjoy brunch in the Veuve Clicquot Pavilion or from a table in the Celebrity Cruises® Polo Lounge. Looking for a more casual seating option? Watch the game from the stadium's green seats of boxes, or hang out at a fun tailgate. All tickets for Sunday can be purchased online at www.internationalpoloclub.com.

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WEF 4 HUNTERS MAKE THEIR MARK



Jennifer Hannan and Mindful won for the second year in a row in the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Hunt & Go, presented by CCTV Agent. ©Sportfot

The Green Hunter Conformation division came to a close on Thursday in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring with Kelley Farmer and Undaunted earning the championship. The pair received two firsts, three seconds, and one third place ribbon.

Reserve champion in the Green Conformation Hunter division went to Julie Curtin of Woodstock, GA, and Commentary. Curtin and Commentary, owned by Amy Perez, received two firsts, two seconds, and two thirds to earn reserve.

Jennifer Hannan piloted Mindful to the top spot in the \$15,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby Presented by CCTV Agent out of a field of 61 competitors. The pair scored a total of 360.5 points to win the class for the second year in a row. Hannan also received third place in the class with her own horse, Olympic Fire. Hannan and her second mount received 350.15 points to secure a third place finish.

Second place honors in the USHJA International Hunter Derby Presented by CCTV Agent went to Samantha Schaefer of Westminster, MD, and Trademark. Schaefer rode Trademark, owned by Take 3, LLC, to a total score of 351 points.

The Small Junior Hunter 15 and Under division ended on Saturday in the Rost Ring with Augusta Iwasaki riding Heaven's Dream to the championship. Iwasaki catch rode two horses in the division, but Heaven's Dream came out on top. The pair earned two firsts, second, fifth, and sixth place to rise to the top of the class.

Reserve champion in the Small Junior Hunter 15 and Under also went to Iwasaki with her second mount, Coronation. Iwasaki and Coronation, owned by Sloan Lindeman-Barnett, received two first places, a third, and two fifth places to claim reserve.

Hunter competition for Week 4 of the Winter Equestrian Festival came to a close on Sunday with Martha Ingram piloting Fonteyn to champion in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35. Ingram, who had two rides in the division, claimed both champion and reserve. Ingram and Fonteyn received two firsts, two seconds, and a seventh in the E.R. Mische Grand Hunter Ring.

Ingram received reserve champion in the division with Airport 48, who is also owned by John and Stephanie Ingram, LLC. The pair received three first places and a fifth place to secure the reserve title.

The Young Hunter 3' (5 Year Old and Younger) championship went to Blue Bayou, ridden by Lainie Wimberly for Kami Sky LLC. The pair won an impressive four out of five classes in the division and finished second in the remaining class.

Sabrina Brashares

WEF 4 JUMPER HIGHLIGHTS



In his first time competing at WEF, Bertram Allen picked up two wins in two days, including in the \$37,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 4 with GK Casper. ©Sportfot

Action during week four of the 2020 Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF) had a change of scenery, with 80 riders crossing the road to the grass Derby Field at Equestrian Village (home to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival) on Wednesday. It was third to go Bertram Allen whose round on Ballywalter Stables' Quiet Easy 4 proved unassailable in the \$6,000 Bainbridge Companies 1.40m CSI4* class in the 24-year-old Irish rider's first event of the season in his first-ever visit to WEF.

The two-phase class produced 20 double clears within the 48-second time allowed over the course designed by Brazilian Anderson Lima. Allen's time bested the field in 31.46 second, just fractions

faster than runner-up Erynn Ballard (CAN) riding Canora Z, owned by Emma Waldfogel, to a time of 31.66 seconds.

There were three nations represented on the final podium, with USA home rider Peter Lutz riding Bosch Sport Horses' Excellent to third in 31.68 seconds. Fellow U.S. rider Todd Minikus finished fourth on Bit by Bit Group's Amex Z in 33.06 seconds, while Capt. Brian Courneane capped the top five in 33.55 seconds riding Colourful Lady for owner Glenbeigh Farm LLC.

Earning wins in the International Arena at WEF on Wednesday, Peter Wylde (USA) topped the CabanaCoast 1.35m riding Royal Flush for Kathline Kamine, and Guatemala's Alvaro Tejada closed out the day with a victory in the Bainbridge Companies 1.40m riding Dolly Palo Blanco, owned by Agroprosa.

In the \$73,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 4 CSI4* on Thursday, Irish rider Bertram Allen continued his winning streak, leading the class of 54 on Ballywalter Stables' GK Casper and making it two wins from two starts in two days on the turf.

Eight combinations made it through to the jump-off over course designer Anderson Lima's (BRA) testing track. All eight jumped clear in the second round, so it all came down to speed to determine the finishing order. Allen, who had the benefit of being last to go, broke the beam in 39.00 seconds, with home rider Natalie Dean and Marigold Sporthorses LLC's Jewel De Kwakenbeek nipping at their heels in a time of 39.02 seconds. Britain's Amanda Derbyshire rode Gochman Sport Horses LLC's Luibanta BH into third in 39.28 seconds.

Fourth-placed Brazilian Eduardo Menezes also clocked a time of under 40 seconds on Magnolia Mystic Rose, an 11-year-old mare by Zirocco Blue. He was closely followed by Kent Farrington (USA) on his own and Robin Parsky's talented mare Gazelle, who posted a time of 40.07 seconds.

In the International Arena at WEF on Thursday, Laura Chapot (USA) went one-two-three in the Bainbridge Companies 1.40m Speed Challenge. She won aboard Calafornia, took second on Shooting Starr and swept the podium riding Out Of Ireland.

The Derby field at Equestrian Village (home to the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival) wrapped up its third day of action in week four with the \$73,000 CaptiveOne Advisors 1.50m Classic CSI4*. It was Swiss rider Martin Fuchs - ranked number-one in the world and the 2019 victor of the same class - who commanded both first and second place in the class. He claimed the winner's rug riding Willow Grace Farm's eye-catching gray 11-year-old Califax gelding Silver Shine and took second on the 12-year-old Stakkatol gelding Stalando 2, picking up prize-money of more than \$38,000 in the process.

Ten of the 40 starters qualified for the jump-off, with four of those also going clear in the second round over Brazilian course designer Anderson Lima's track on the immaculate palm tree-lined grass Derby field. Fuchs and Silver Shine's time of 46.74 seconds proved unassailable, while he clocked 47.06 seconds on Stalando. Sam Walker (CAN) finished third on Coralissa in 48.45 seconds, while fourth-placed Jose Antonio Chedraui Prom (MEX) recorded the only other double clear, in 54.33 seconds, riding Aymara Des Bergeries.

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WEF 4 Award Winners



The Prestige Italia Low Adult Amateur 18-35 Classic winner and champion was Bienvenu, ridden by Catherine Otis for Gestion Tristarr Inc., presented by Cassandra Ball.



Riding Ponies & Palms Show Stables LLC's Woodland's Talulah, Kat Fuqua picked up the championship in the Always Faithful Equestrian Club Medium Pony Hunters, presented by George Schumacher and Ardyn Allesie with trainer Junius Gee.



The Equestrian Sotheby's International Realty Children's Jumper 14 & Under champion, presented by Roxanne Henry, was AF Felix, ridden by Ana Sofia Perez and owned by Ana Isabel Facusse.



The championship in the Triple Crown Nutrition Green Hunter 3' division was Imagine, ridden by Christopher Payne for Julie Holzberger.



Meredith Gallagher and Annette Friend's Rebel de Vizey were the Antares Sellier France High Performance Hunter champions.



The Palm Beach Equine Clinic Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 3'6" champions were Breaux and Kaitlin Porath.



Jessica Springsteen won the Martha Jolicoeur Leading Lady Rider Award, presented by Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton.



The championship in the Hunt Ltd. Amateur-Owner Hunter 36 & Over 3'6" division went to Jean Sheptoff and Verdict.

Standings and Awards

WEF WEEK 4



LEADING LADY JUMPER RIDER, sponsored by Martha Jolicoeur of Douglas Elliman Real Estate (after 8 qualifying events)

1. Lillie Keenan (USA): 381
2. Abigail McArdle (USA): 358
3. Jessica Springsteen (USA): 315
4. Kristen Vanderveen (USA): 280
5. Tiffany Foster (CAN): 270



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CAPTIVEONE ADVISORS 1.50M CHAMPIONSHIP JUMPER CLASSIC SERIES (after 3 qualifying events)

1. Adrienne Sternlicht (USA): 136
2. Capt. Brian Cournane (IRL): 125
3. Bliss Heers (USA): 116
4. Celso Ariani (BRA): 106
5. Darragh Kenny (IRL): 101



U25 GRAND PRIX SERIES 2020

HERMÈS UNDER 25 GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

1. Emily Ward (GBR): 134
2. Catherine Wachtell (USA): 129.50
3. Sydney Shulman (ISR): 125
4. Isabella Russekoff (USA): 109.50
5. Sam Walker (CAN): 108.50



CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE HUNTER STYLE AWARD

Private Practice, ridden by Victoria Covin and owned by Brad Wolf

CHAMPION EQUINE INSURANCE JUMPER STYLE AWARD

Esquina van Klapscheut, ridden and owned by Sarah Warden

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at 3:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020
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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

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The Walk/Trot Pleasure and Jump winner was Lilly Ward riding First Romance.



Rachel Turk rode Skara Glen's Basel for Melissa Hirt to the FarmVet Adult Amateur Modified Jumper championship.



Duncan Falco, ridden by Maggie Gould for LK Services LLC, won the USHJA Hunter 2'9" championship.



The Marshall & Sterling Adult Amateur Hunter Older Section B championship went to Ainsley Sadlo and Kesh.



The championship in the Low Children's Jumpers went to Emma d'Emilia riding Colm McGuckian's River Cat.



The Cross Rail Hunter Younger champion was Dylan Clark riding Empire's Paris.



Mia Mannis rode Endgame to the Omega Alpha Adult Amateur Equitation championship.



The Cross Rail Hunter Younger championship went to Grace Stenbeck-Werner riding iFlirt, owned by Lakeview Inc.

ASHLAND FARM #2 VICTORIOUS IN \$25,000 HERMÈS UNDER 25 TEAM EVENT



Ashland Team #2 from left to right: Austin Krawitt, Ty Simpson, Helen Graves, and Klas Kudlinski with ringmaster Steve Rector, won the \$25,000 Hermès Under 25 Team Event. ©Sportfot

Team Ashland Farm #2 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 Helen Graves (USA), Austin Krawitt (CAN), Klas Kudlinski (GER), and Ty Simpson (USA), finished on the only eight-fault score of the night after two rounds of competition.

Kudlinski, 24, posted the only clear performance under the time allowed for his team before the second round was cut short by weather after only two rider rotations competed from the six teams that returned. He and Charles 82, a 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Cachas x Catoki) owned by BG Kudlinski u. Böge, led the team, while Graves, 20, also jumped clear in the second round. However, she and Kafka du Printemps, a 10-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding (Nabab de Reve x Indoctro), put one time fault on the clock.

"This is the first time that I'm bringing my horses over to America, so it's the

first time that I'm doing the Under 25," said Kudlinski, who pulled a single rail and picked up a time fault in the first round. "I had one down in the first round, but my horse jumped really, really well. It was obviously a rider mistake. The second round I was more on it, and you're not riding just for yourself, so you also have the pressure to take care of the other riders on your team. When you miss something, the whole team misses something, but it's a good experience."

Graves, who hails from Nashville, TN, also finished on a tally of five in the opening round. "This is actually my first year doing [the Under 25] on this horse. He's really big and scopey, so I was kind of nervous with such a small ring. I thought our first rail was kind of unlucky in that first round, but he jumped really well. I'm really happy with him."

Ty Simpson, 18, of Thousand Oaks, CA, competing in his second Under 25 class ever, was clear over the opening course with a single time fault to help qualify his team for the second round.

"So far, I love it," he said of his debut in the division with Quality Iris, a 10-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare (he has had for a year. "My mare, she was fantastic. I would have just gone a little bit faster if I had to do it again. I love the team event. I think it's great practice for doing bigger stuff and being on the USA team."

Representing Canada on the Ashland Team # 2 that came together at the last minute before this week's competition, Austin Krawitt, 17, of Okotoks, AB, is also in the midst of his first year in the Under 25 ranks.

"My horse jumped super," he said of Sanjay, a 12-year-old Slovak Warmblood gelding (Canturo x Acord II) owned by A.E.S. Equestrian, Inc. "He really rose to the occasion. I was a little slow on time, just over the time allowed, but I was happy with the round. I think this is great preparation for Nations Cups, and I was able to get some experience with double rounds."

Ashland Team #2 topped their barnmates on Ashland Team #1 by a single point. Ending on a score of nine, Daisy Farish (USA) aboard Great White, Brian Moggre (USA) on Cayden de Coilly, Ransome Rombauer (USA) riding Ayade hero Z, and Spencer Smith (USA) in the irons of Princeton Z, claimed the runner-up position. Stephex & Friends rounded out the podium placings. The international team of Emilie Conter (BEL) riding Mufasa, Zoe Conter (BEL) on H-Cassino, Flore Giraud (FRA) and Ullisca du Touney, and Carlos Hank Guerreiro (MEX) aboard H5 Market Irminka finished with 13 total faults.

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is an amazing event to be able to help with that, and it so much fun!" continued Harvey. "Next month, we will host our Community Spirit Race (March 7 and FAU Stadium) where we will help 34 non-profits raise money, so we're going to put some of these winning toward supporting that."

"This is our third year participating, and it's such an amazing event that helps so many charities. It's just so fabulous for our community," said Susan Diener, Spirit of Giving Network board member. "This past year with some of the Great Charity Challenge funding from last year, we were able to implement a women's room, which we were able to provide feminine clothing and products for women. Also, through our holiday gift drive, we try and provide meaningful gifts for over 6,000 children in the area."

The three riders made up the top team of the night out of 24 pro-am combinations, paired with randomly selected Palm Beach County charities. Each team was made up of junior and amateur riders competing side-by-side with top professionals, including Olympians.

The winning team was decked from head to toe in Chicago-themed costumes, and gave the crowd something to cheer for when they took over the lead with only one team remaining in the order. They also won Spirit of Giving Network an additional \$3,000 grant as the Best Costume Award winners.

"This is our third year participating, and we took a lot of time preparing our costumes and the horses," said team captain Jessica Mendoza of Great Britain. "It's amazing to go out there and win and especially to do it for charity. I train Caroline, and Caroline and Sofia are good friends, so we came all together and picked our fastest horses so we could win."

"I've done this for two years prior, and it was amazing to represent a charity and of course win so we could donate a big fund for them and try to make their year," said 14-year-old Mewhinney of Woodside,

CA. "I think [the format] is really cool; you learn a lot by riding with professionals, and I think it really brings everyone together."

Of her GCC team debut, 15-year-old Rodriguez, who hails from Guatemala noted, "I'm so excited for the charity and so happy for them and what we get to help them do. I feel so happy to get to ride in a night class and get to know this mare better."

Coming in second place was the team Wellington Cares, sponsored by Green River Farm and corporate sponsor Havensafe Farm. The team consisted of family trio Daniel Kerins riding WKD Tokyo, Darragh Kerins aboard Ringwood Zedo, and Sarah Kerins on Lawfull Z, who were just a second and a half shy of the win in 96.429 seconds, earning \$125,000 for their charity.

Vita Nova, Inc. finished third and won \$100,000 with a time of 96.986 seconds. The team was made up of David Blake piloting Bella Donna, Carly Dvorkin riding Carlotta 168, and Madelyn Ruskin on Abazu BSM sponsored by Pine Hollow Farm and corporate sponsors Rosenbaum PLLC.

"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 in Palm Beach Gardens.

Great Charity Challenge co-founder Paige Bellissimo commented, "What an amazing evening, seeing first-hand the power of united communities. The objective of the event has truly grown with our focus set on not only giving non-profit organizations a financial 'leg up,' but also increasing their visibility and providing the opportunity for them to connect with each other to better serve the community. We are so grateful for the support of the event sponsors who make this possible!"

In the spirit of communities coming together, Great Charity Challenge partner and local digital agency Achieve awarded a Social Media Advertising Grant valued up to \$18,000 to HomeSafe in their efforts to protect victims of child abuse and domestic violence. "It is thrilling to be a part of the GCC and see so many individuals come together to take significant action on behalf of local organizations," said Managing Partner, Clay Williams. "We are honored to support such a deserving nonprofit", remarked Director of Marketing, Erica Linguanti. "Our entire team can't wait to start dreaming up unique campaigns to help further their important mission and reach new supporters in the community."

In addition to the competition, the evening featured several grants and donations to further benefit locally based nonprofit organizations. Local representatives, including Commissioner Robert Weinroth, Commissioner Melissa McKinlay, Village of Wellington Mayor Anne Gerwig, Vice Mayor Michael Napoleone, Councilwoman Tanya Siskind, Councilman John McGovern, Councilman Michael Drahos, and sponsors, Carlene Ziegler of the Ziegler Family Foundation, Founder of the Grand Prix Society, Nikki Morley, Palm Beach County Community Relations Manager, Local Market Organization of Bank of America and members of Equestrian Sport Productions' staff joined the festivities to award grants and randomly draw additional organizations.

"We are truly inspired by seeing key players come together to support change in this community," concluded event co-founder Mark Bellissimo. "There are countless charities within Palm Beach County that work tirelessly to do just that; we are grateful to our amazing donors who give them access to additional funding and riders who donate their time to compete on their behalf. They share one common purpose: empowering local non-profit organizations to do what they do best."



Grants & Awards

LITTLE LEAGUES

DRAWING	AMOUNT	CHARITY
1	\$6,000.00	Wellington Colts Travel Baseball
2	\$5,000.00	Wellington Wizards Rugby
3	\$4,000.00	Wellington Wolves Travel Basketball
4	\$3,000.00	Wellington Youth Lacrosse Association
5	\$2,000.00	Wellington Wrestling Club

RANDOMLY DRAWN GRANTS

DRAWING	AMOUNT	CHARITY
1	\$10,000.00	Vinceremos
2	\$10,000.00	Legal Aid
3	\$10,000.00	Tera's Oceanographic Foundation
4	\$7,500.00	Personal Ponies
5	\$7,500.00	NAMI Palm Beach County
6	\$5,000.00	George Snow
7	\$5,000.00	Family Promise of N. Central Palm Beach
8	\$5,000.00	Friends of Foster Children
9	\$4,000.00	Alliance for Kids
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11	\$2,000.00	Nonprofits First
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CHARITY	AMOUNT
HomeSafe	\$10,000.00
Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County	\$10,000.00
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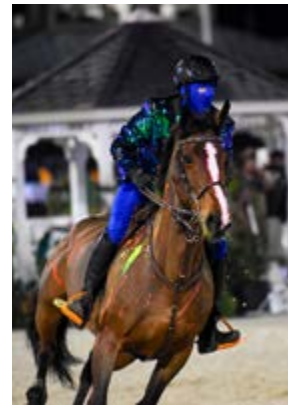
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1st place	Spirit of Giving	\$3,000.00
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3rd place	Equestrian Aid Foundation	\$1,000.00
Best team Spirit	Quantum House	\$2,000.00
Top Horse Presentation	Quantum House	\$2,000.00
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It was a blue-ribbon breakfast for 15-year-old Hailey Royce (USA) riding Goldbreaker in the \$10,000 SJHOF High Junior Jumper Classic, presented by Griffis Residential, on Sunday, February 2, to close out Week 4. Royce and Goldbreaker were the only pair of the 16 horse-and-rider field to advance to an immediate jump-off and posted the only double-clear of the day in 39.722 seconds.

Caelinn Leahy (USA) took second riding Dymendy, owned by Twenty 23 LLC, with the fastest four-fault round over the opening track. Also picking up a single rail, Rie Rose Lindegren Roed (DEN) was third on Newcomer 13 for owner JE Invest International, and Austin Krawitt (CAN) finished fourth on Gaesbekers Gabbert JE for owner AES Equestrian. Kathryn Hall (USA), capped the top five riding her own All In 9.



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WEF INTERNATIONAL PROFILE

An Interview with Czech Republic Rider Sofie Najmanová



Sofie Najmanová and Chiquey Tiem

Q: Is this your first WEF experience?

A: Yes, it is my first time here, but not my last. I'm already making plans to come back!

Q: Are you enjoying it so far?

A: Yes! It is awesome here. Wellington is beautiful and my home barn IEC is great too. I'm very happy that I can be here and see a totally different world other than Europe.

Q: What are some of your favorite things about showing at WEF?

A: For me, it's a completely different world, because we don't have show grounds with as many rings in Europe, so it's great to see this place and be part of this show. One of my favorite things is to watch the world's best riders work and compete with their younger or less experienced horses. I don't have a chance to see that often, because I mainly participate in competitions for Young Riders.

Q: How does showing in the United States compare to showing in the Czech Republic?

A: In the United States it's bigger! We do have important competitions, such as LGCT Prague Playoffs, so horseback riding is very popular in the Czech Republic. The big difference is that we travel a lot all over Europe and we are in different places every single week.

Q: What is your riding background?

A: I have been riding for 11 years. I sat on a horse for the first time when I was about four years old, but for the first time that I can actually remember when I was seven. I found my way to the horses by myself, because I don't come from an equestrian family. The mother of my two friends brought me to the barn at

a cottage and I totally fell in love with it! Since then, I've spent all my time there, did my riding license, and competed at my first show.

Q: What do you compete in?

A: At home in Europe, I'm in the National Team for the Czech Republic. I have been doing that for seven years and I compete on the level of Juniors and Young Riders 1.45m-1.50m classes. Here in Wellington, I don't have my own horses with me, so I got a great opportunity at a special show last July called German Friendships, to come to spend winter at [PBIEC]. At WEF, I was able to compete a mare for Daniela Roy. Her name is Chiquey Tiem and we showed in the Low Junior Jumpers where we were pretty successful. Chiquey Tiem, [a 13-year-old mare], is a very lively and talented horse who doesn't like flatwork but loves to jump and compete! She's the spoiled princess of the stable that you fall in love with very quickly. Otherwise, at home, I have five horses for the bigger classes and one young horse that has a very bright future!

Q: Do you have any goals for this circuit?

A: Unfortunately, my showing in Wellington is over for this year, but my main goal was to enjoy these two weeks at WEF as much as possible and ride well in all my classes due to the fact that I get to settle and be with the family for an extended time.

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