



## — BATESON CHANDLER AND PETERS LEAD A U.S. —

for Five-Star Wins at AGDF 7



*Katherine Bateson Chandler and Alcazar won the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 5\*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors, at AGDF 7.*

Two USA riders dominated their divisions in week seven of the 2020 AGDF, which featured a staggering four international grand prix classes on Thursday. In the only CDI5\* competition held in the Western Hemisphere, top honors in the five-star grand prix rankings went to Katherine Bateson Chandler and Steffen Peters, who both won the two classes they contested at the level.

Bateson Chandler extended her unbeaten run on Jane Forbes Clark's Alcazar to four starts. Last to go on a blustery and unseasonably cold night under lights, she and her faithful partner Alcazar won the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI5\*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors, with 76.105%.

The Dominican Republic's Yvonne Losos De Muñiz danced her way to a 75.115% second place riding her bouncy bay mare Aquamarijn, a 15-year-old by United. Juan Matute Guimon (ESP) improved one place from his finish in the qualifying grand prix to round out the podium aboard his father Juan Matute Senior's Don Diego to 72.76%.

Bateson Chandler was a groom for Robert Dover for 16 years and is now aiming to catch the eye of selectors for a place on the USA team for the Tokyo Olympics with Jane Forbes Clark's Contango gelding. She said: "[Thursday], I don't think I've ever been that hot before, and [Friday], I don't think I've ever come out of a test still being cold. We had the most extreme differences. I've ridden in

very cold weather, and I've ridden in very hot weather, but not usually in the same show. So for the horses, it was challenging.

"I'm really happy because two or three years ago, my horse used to have a real issue with anything that moved – he's a little bit of a spook that way. He went in there and didn't look at anything and won the class," said Bateson Chandler, who rode to a Tom Hunt compilation. "Tonight was the first time that I've actually done my floorplan to my music correctly and not been behind or ahead."

Bateson Chandler travels to the UK to train with Carl Hester every summer, and with his help she continues to get the best out of 15-year-old 'Lonsie', who has been competing at international grand prix for half a decade and survived a colic operation in the summer of 2016 while in Germany.

Steffen Peters threw his hands in the air as his winning 77.106% score was announced in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI5\*, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic. He was last to go of 11 starters and posted a new personal best in the test on Suppenkasper, Four Winds Farm's 12-year-old gelding. Canada's Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu rode All In to another new personal best of 73.447% to finish second, with Sabine Schut-Kery (USA) filling third on Sanceo with 72.979%.

Despite a mistake in the middle of the one-time changes on the diagonal, this was the first time Peters had broken the 77% barrier and repays the faith he has had in this giant and extraordinarily athletic horse.

"He's been at 76% for some time," said a delighted Peters. "I knew there's a 77% in there and we're slowly and consistently creeping up, so without the mistake it would have been even higher. It's so very exciting to see 'Mopsie' getting a 77%."

Cesar Parra (USA) rose from fifth in Thursday's Prix St. Georges, presented by Restylane, to go on to claim both the FEI Intermediate I CDI3\* and the Freestyle with ever-improving scores on Mr Bumblebee. Karen Blank's shy 12-year-old gelding by Sting posted a huge new personal best of 75.535% on the final day.

Parra was full of praise for the AGDF, adding: "What Global [AGDF] does here is just amazing. I've been in

## AGDF HOSTS EIGHTH ANNUAL FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2020 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships (FIYDC), presented by Sarah Davis Kessler, Terri Kane, USEF Dressage Owners Task Force, Hampton Green Farm, and Dressage4kids, takes place during week eight at the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) on February 26-March 1 at Equestrian Village at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, FL.

"We are excited to welcome back all of the competitors for this year's Florida International Youth Dressage Championships," said Kim Van Kampen of Hampton Green Farm. "This is a special event for us every year, and we can't wait to see all of the new and returning riders."

The week features competition for riders in the under-25, young rider, junior, children, and pony divisions, offering them a chance to compete on a larger scale, with events throughout the week to increase camaraderie and sportsmanship. Young riders wishing to compete internationally are provided with an opportunity to showcase their talent at one of the largest dressage shows in the world.

Entry numbers continue to impress each year, and as the sport expands, the number of competing youth riders also increases. This year will be the eighth year that the Florida International Youth Dressage Championships will be hosted by AGDF, and the competition is organized by Equestrian Sport Productions. Promotion of the youth riders has stepped up and will include photography, videos, and information available on all of the competitors and shown on the jumbotron screen at AGDF, plus extended information and highlights on the FIYDC Facebook and Instagram pages.

At the FIYDC, there will be one rider in the FEI Pony Rider division, two riders in the FEI Children's division, seven entries in the FEI Junior Rider division, 12 entries in the FEI Young Rider division, and 13 horse and rider pairs in the FEI U-25 division. There are riders from four different countries, including the United States, Canada, Colombia, Germany, and Spain.

Riders will compete in three tests through the Championships, including a team test that counts for 40%, an individual test for 40%, and a freestyle test for 20%.

"It is very encouraging to see the growth in the FIYDC over the years," said Lendon Gray of Dressage4Kids. "Our goals are to support and encourage young riders in dressage, and the FIYDC offers a fun, competitive, educational atmosphere for them to advance in the sport."

This year, the FIYDC are once again working in partnership with JustWorld International, and winners will choose JustWorld Programs to receive a percentage of added prize money. Week eight of AGDF also plays host to an FEI CDI 4\* senior competition.

Events throughout the week boost camaraderie and sportsmanship as well as foster friendships and learning. This includes "Tacos for a Cause" welcome party on Tuesday, February 26, in support of Just World International and hosted by Sarah Davis Kessler. Games, a taco bar, and drinks will be served at Belle Herbe Farm and welcome all FIYDC competitors and interested parents.

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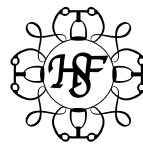
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### ADEQUAN® GLOBAL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL "FRIDAY NIGHT STARS"

AGDF's "Friday Night Stars" Series showcases some of the world's best dressage riders as they perform freestyles at the top level of competition. Competition will highlight CDI 4\* riders and feature the grand prix musical freestyle competition sponsored by Havensafe Farm on Friday, February 28. The night also features the final of the Palm Beach Dressage Derby Knockout Exhibition class, presented by Summit Farm. Held at Equestrian Village (13500 South Shore Blvd.) in the Global International Arena, gates open at 6 p.m. and competition begins at 7 p.m. General admission is free, parking is \$10/car.

### \$37,000 HERMÈS UNDER 25 SEMI-FINAL GRAND PRIX

The popular Hermès Under 25 Grand Prix Series will hold its \$37,000 Semi-Final Grand Prix on Friday, February 28, 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.

### "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, February 29, 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.

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The \$214,000 Grand Prix CSIO 4\* presented by Premier Equestrian will take place as the jumper feature on Sunday, March 1. It will be held at 1 p.m. in the International Arena with the best riders navigating a challenging course for top prize money. General admission and parking are free.

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### \$5,000 USHJA PONY HUNTER DERBY

The \$5,000 USHJA Pony Hunter Derby will be held on Friday, March 6, 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 6, with gates opening at 5 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) with children 12 & under free, while tickets and tables are for sale at [www.ChallengeOfTheAmericas.com](http://www.ChallengeOfTheAmericas.com).

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The \$10,000 USHJA National Hunter Derby will be held on Saturday, March 7, 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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CHECK OUT THIS WEEK'S  
FULL GAME SCHEDULE BELOW.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

3:00 p.m.: Park Place vs. Pilot - Bracket II

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

3:00 p.m.: Old Hickory Bourbon vs. Tonkawa - Bracket II

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

3:00 p.m.: Las Monjitas vs. Coca Cola - Bracket III/IV

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:00 p.m.: Daily Racing Form vs. La Indiana - Bracket I

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

3:00 p.m.: Tonkawa vs. Pilot - Bracket II

Join us for the 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](http://www.internationalpoloclub.com)



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In 2020 CABANACOAST® is sponsoring the CDI Prix St. Georges and CDI Intermediate 1 in weeks 7 and 8 of the AGDF along with the CSI 2\* division during WEF 12. CABANACOAST® outdoor furniture can also be enjoyed in multiple venues throughout the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, including the Polo Club, Rider's Lounge, and Vendor Village.

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The top three in the FEI Grand Prix CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services, all broke the 70% barrier on Thursday. It was the last to go of the 22-strong class, Canadian rider Megan Lane, who captured the win. She posted 70.935% on Zodiac MW, Deer Ridge Equestrian's 16-year-old KWPN gelding by Rousseau. She pipped the Japanese rider Masanao Takahashi into second place. He rode Rubicon Unitechno, who at 17 years old was the equal oldest horse in the class, to 70.87% — just 0.065% behind the leading score.

Ashley Holzer (USA) filled third place with 70.261% in the three-star grand prix for special on Diane Fellows' rising star Mango Eastwood, and topped off the day with second place in the FEI Grand Prix CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty, riding Diana Rose's 14-year-old Radondo, by Blue Hors Romanov, to 67.261%. He was competing in only his second international show at the level.

It was Japan's Kiichi Harada and his long-time ride Egistar — Hanuka Taguchi's 17-year-old KWPN gelding by Cabochon — who captured the class with 68.239%. Kelly Layne of Australia completed the rainbow of flags on the podium, finishing third with 66.109% on her own 11-year-old Sir Donnerhall gelding, Samhitas.

In the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI3\*, presented by Restylane, Karen Pavicic (CRO) piloted the equal youngest horse in the field to top honors. She and her own eight-year-old Totilas gelding Totem put an unassailable 71.078% on the scoreboard, edging

out second-placed Luuk Mourits (NED) who scored 70.245% on Harmony's Don't Stop The Feeling, Harmony Sporthorses' 11-year-old gelding by Don Primus. Ida Mattisson (SWE) on Edison Van Twinwood rounded out the podium with 69.853%.

Last to go in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI3\* under lights on Friday, Kiichi Harada captured the top spot on his long-time ride Egistar. Their 73.525% put them ahead of second-placed Kelly Layne (AUS) and her own Samhitas (72.625%) and Ashley Holzer (USA), who rode Diana Rose's lightly-competed Blue Hors Romanov gelding Radondo into third with 72.605%.

In Friday's FEI Prix St. Georges CDI1\*, presented by CabanaCoast, the USA's Günter Seidel was untouchable, breezing away with the win by more than 5%. Riding Beltano, Louise Leatherdale's 11-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Bellissimo M, he recorded 73.922%. He was last to go in the 16-strong class and relinquished Katie Johnson (USA) and Quartett into second. Canada's Diane Creech (Robbie W) finished third. This was Beltano's second win of the 2020 AGDF, having also led the same class in week five.

Ashley Holzer (USA) recaptured the top step of the podium on Saturday in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services. She finished third in Thursday's qualifying grand prix, but was back on winning form today, riding Mango Eastwood to 71.979% and a unanimous first place from all five judges.

Of the 12 starters, it was fellow USA rider Michael Pineo who got closest to Holzer. He recorded 68.617% on his own 10-year-old Farrington, another horse to carry Jazz blood, being a direct son. Farrington began his international grand prix career

in AGDF in 2019; this was his highest score at the level to date and included a plus-70% from judge Peter Storr. Megan Lane (CAN) and Zodiac MW finished third with 66.787%.

Katie Johnson (USA) climbed a place from the qualifying Prix St. Georges class to claim the winner's sash in Saturday's FEI Intermediate I CDI1\*, presented by CabanaCoast. Riding Kylee Lourie's Quarterback gelding Quartett, she posted 69.265%. The 12-year-old is a new ride for Johnson and this is their first CDI show together and their first victory. She fended off 11 other competitors, including her compatriot, the PSG winner Günter Seidel, who finished second by 0.39% on Beltano, and third-placed Diane Creech (CAN) who scored 68.726% on Robbie W.

Sweden's Tinne Vilhelmson Silfvén claimed the winner's sash in Sunday's FEI Intermediate II CDI3\* with Lövsta Stuteri's jumping-bred gelding Lord Django, by Stalypso. The 10-year-old is a new ride for Sweden's seven-time Olympian, having previously been competed by Poland's Ilona Janas. Vilhelmson Silfvén and Lord Django were contesting just their second CDI test together and their first at big tour level. Their 70.029% winning score edged out second-placed Yvonne Losos De Muñiz of the Dominican Republic who is quietly building a record at big tour with her own 10-year-old Vivaldi daughter Felicia. They scored 67.912%, which would have been markedly higher had it not been for issues in the one-time changes but still represents a new personal best for the pair in this test.

Alice Collins

  
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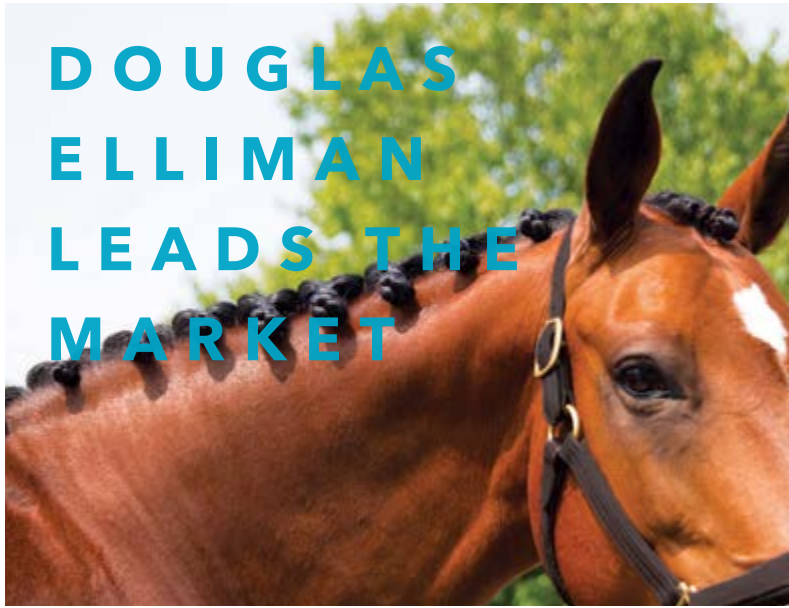
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## FIFTH ANNUAL PALM BEACH DRESSAGE DERBY EXHIBITION PRESENTED BY SUMMIT FARM ON FRIDAY NIGHT



Christoph Koschel has won the Palm Beach Dressage Derby Exhibition class three years in a row. Who will win in 2020?  
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Week eight of the Adequan® Global Dressage Festival (AGDF) runs February 25-March 1 and features the Palm Beach Dressage Derby CDI-W at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center (PBIEC) in Wellington, FL. The Palm Beach Dressage Derby exhibition class, presented by Summit Farm features riders competing at small tour level on unfamiliar horses to test their riding abilities and see who can ride to the highest score.

Thomas Baur, AGDF Director of Sport, said: "We are excited about the coming edition of the Palm Beach Derby and really happy to have these top riders taking part. We'd also like to thank all the owners of the horses for donating them for this class. I know the spectators love watching these talented riders figure out how to ride a new horse in the show ring. Spectator judging is once again included in the score and part of our fan engagement."

The sixth annual Palm Beach Dressage Derby exhibition class, presented by Summit Farm, starts on Thursday with a Prix St. Georges test with \$5,000 in prize money, in which the participating Derby horses will compete with their regular riders for familiarization.

The semi-final classes are on Friday afternoon with the four riders competing in the Derby. The final round of competition, which offers \$8,000 in prize money, takes place during "Friday Night Stars" under the lights.

The 2020 riders include the three-time defending champion Christoph Koschel (GER), Steffen Peters (USA), Pia Fortmüller (CAN) and Jan Ebeling (USA).

Past winners of the Palm Beach Dressage Derby exhibition class include:

- 2019 – Christoph Koschel
- 2018 – Christoph Koschel
- 2017 – Christoph Koschel
- 2016 – Chris Von Martels
- 2015 – Adrienne Lyle

The riders will be drawn to see who competes against whom and to determine which horses they will ride. Each competitor has a five-minute familiarization period with their new mount before they ride a Prix St. Georges test in front of a panel of three judges.

Germany's Christoph Koschel will be bidding to win his fourth event this year. The Derby is an educational yet entertaining way to test riders' skills on a larger scale, but also in an engaging and competitive atmosphere. Don't miss this class on Friday night!

👉 Alice Collins

## FIYDC (continued from Page 1)

Riders continue with a meet and greet session with top international dressage riders and officials and group photos on Wednesday. This year, youth riders will receive advice, tips, and words of wisdom from Naima Moreira Laliberte of Canada, who previously competed in the FIYDC and is now aiming for a spot in the Tokyo Olympic Games; Katherine Bateson Chandler (USA), who was an international dressage groom for 16 years and is now a top grand prix rider who has competed at the FEI World Equestrian Games; and international FEI four-star judge Cesar Torrente of Colombia.

On Friday evening before the start of the "Friday Night Stars" FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 4\*, presented by Havensafe Farm, at AGDF, youth riders will gather for their parade of nations prior to the singing of the national anthem. Colors from a variety of flags will be waving as laughter, camaraderie, and excitement continues for the riders. There will be flag bearers for each country competing in the FIYDC and they will be honored in front of the Friday night crowd.

"It is gratifying to see the youth riders of dressage honored at AGDF," said Sarah Davis Kessler. "This is the future of our sport and we are so happy to see this program flourish each year as we aim to help them gain experience and learn from their time here this week."

For more information on the AGDF and the 2019 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships, please visit [www.globaldressagefestival.com](http://www.globaldressagefestival.com).



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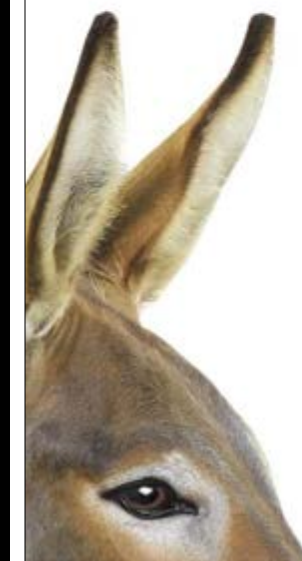
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AGDF 7's N2 Saddlery Sport Horse of the Week was presented by Sue Newell to Katherine Bateson Chandler for Alcazar.



The AGDF 7 Oxy-Gen Peak Performance Winner was Melissa Bruise's Hilfiger shown by trainer Kelly Layne.

Tinne Vilhelmson Silfvén and Lord Django won the FEI Intermediate II CDI3\* and were given the Horse of Course award from Beth Baumert from the Horse of Course.



The AGDF 7 Vita Flex Victory Pass Award winner was Vanessa Creech-Terauds and Fleur de Lis L., presented by Katie Stevenson of Vita Flex.

The Omega Alpha Healthy Horse Award winner at AGDF 7 was Suppenkasper with Steffen Peters.

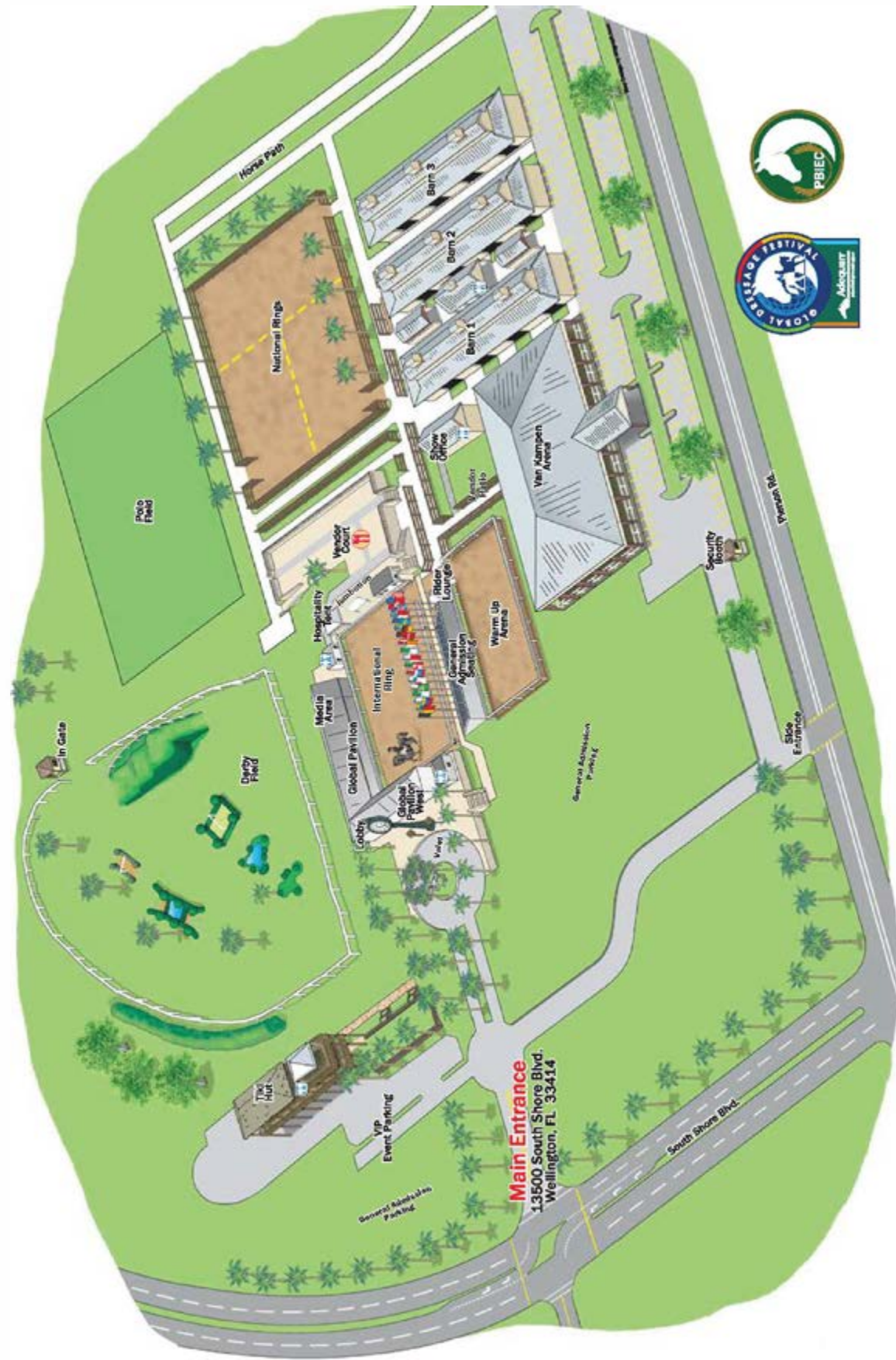


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Kiichi Harada of Japan and Hanuka Taguchi's Egistar won the FEI Grand Prix CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Equestrian Realty, as well as the freestyle.



The Groom's Award was presented to Carl Chandler by Michael Stone, with Katherine Bateson Chandler and Alcazar, for their win in the FEI Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 5\*, presented by CaptiveOne Advisors.



In the FEI Prix St. Georges CDI3\*, presented by Restylane, Karen Pavicic (CRO) piloted Totem to top honors.



Cesar Parra (USA) rose from fifth in Thursday's Prix St. Georges, presented by Restylane, to go on to claim both the FEI Intermediate I CDI3\* and the Freestyle with ever-improving scores on Mr Bumblebee.



Steffen Peters and Suppenkasper set personal bests along the way to winning the FEI Grand Prix and FEI Grand Prix Special CDI 5\*, presented by Palm Beach Equine Clinic.



Sweden's Tinne Vilhelmson Silfvén claimed the winner's sash in Sunday's FEI Intermediate II CDI3\* with Lövska Stuteri's Lord Django.



Ashley Holzer (USA) recaptured the top step of the podium on Saturday in the FEI Grand Prix Special CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services with Mango Eastwood.



Tops in the FEI Grand Prix CDI3\*, presented by Wellington Agricultural Services, were Canadian rider Megan Lane and Zodiac MW.

FUTURE CHALLENGE WINNERS CONTINUE COMPETITION AT AGDF 7

In the Summit Farm Future Challenge FEI Prix St. Georges class, the two qualifying tickets for the final in week 12 went to winner Signe Kirk Kristiansen (DEN) on her new ride Bonderman (71.25%) and second placed Christopher Hickey (USA) who scored 70.074% on Stenagers Wyatt Earp. Twelve starters contested this increasingly popular class.

“I was very happy with my ride, especially as I do get a little nervous when any class is a qualifier for something but I was really happy that Bonderman was with me all the time,” said Kristiansen, who bought the eight-year-old by Belarus from Helgstrand Dressage in August after he competed at the World Young Horse Championships. “Now that we’ve qualified for the finals in the big ring, maybe I should do a one-star CDI to get him in there and used to the atmosphere.

“I went to Helgstrand to try another horse that I couldn’t ride, and then Andreas said he wanted me to look at this horse,” added Kristiansen, who is spending the season in Wellington for the fifth consecutive year. “He’s big and really orange and I normally like smaller horses, but he was incredible to ride on that first try.”

Kristiansen, who trains with Lars Petersen in Florida and his former student Allan Gron back in Denmark, added: “This class is a really nice way to compare yourself and horse with other youngsters on the same level.”

Canada’s Diane Creech was the unanimous winner in the Lövsta Future Challenge FEI Intermediate II. She picked up the single ticket to the finals on offer riding her own and Louise Leatherdale’s Dublin L to 69.118%. Michael Klimke (GER) finished second with the Destano son Delmonte 7 on 67.427%, with the USA’s Michael Bragdoll filling third on Sternlicht Hilltop (64.118%).

“This is so exciting because Louise bred Dublin and he’s by her stallion Damsey,” said Creech of the nine-year-old who is out of a Wolkenstein II dam. “Being by Damsey you can already feel fairly quickly that he has inherited his talent for the collected work, so it’s really fun to work with him. I’m so grateful for the opportunity to ride a horse like him. Now it’s just about giving him experience and confidence and keeping fun in the game as he still has many more years to come.

“This class is so wonderful; it’s such a great opportunity for young horses to grow up a bit and start to play with the big boys,” added Creech, who is based in Ontario, Canada but has spent the past half a dozen winters based, along with her daughter, at the Palm Beach Equine Clinic Facility in Wellington — just a stone’s throw from AGDF.

“Being here is a wonderful opportunity to train and watch other riders. The facilities are incredible and you just can’t beat it. We hack over to the show and back. We have seven horses down for the season and it’s a once in a lifetime thing to be able to share my hobby and passion with my daughter.”

**Lövsta Future Challenge Young Horse Grand Prix Series Qualifiers**  
AGDF 1: Pablo Gomez Molina (ESP) and Ulises De Ymas - 68.383%  
AGDF 3: Michael Klimke (GER) and Harmony’s Diablo - 73.456%  
AGDF 5: Susan Dutta (USA) and Don Design DC - 69.411%  
AGDF 6: Jan Ebeling (USA) and Status Royal OLD - 72.353%  
AGDF 7: Diane Creech (CAN) and Dublin L - 69.118%

**Summit Farm Future Challenge Young Horse Prix St. Georges Series Qualifiers**  
AGDF 1: Karen Pavicic (CRO) and Totem - 69.927%  
Rikke Poulsen (DEN) and Furstentanz - 69.927%  
AGDF 3: Shannon Dueck (CAN) and As You Wish - 73.456%  
Kelly Layne (AUS) and Fernando - 73.015%  
AGDF 5: Stephanie Collomb (USA) and Stormy River - 70%  
Pia Fortumuller (CAN) and Frieda - 69.633%  
AGDF 6: Sarah Lockman (USA) and Balia - 73.603%  
Heather Blitz (USA) and Limei de Lys - 73.015%  
AGDF 7: Signe Kirk Kristiansen (DEN) and Bonderman - 71.25%  
Christopher Hickey (USA) and Stenagers Wyatt Earp - 70.074%



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Second placed Christopher Hickey (USA) scored 70.074% on Stenagers Wyatt Earp in the Summit Farm Future Challenge FEI Prix St. Georges.

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Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3\*, presented by Summit Farm  
Small Tour CDI 3\*, presented by Harmony Sporthorses  
Small Tour CDI 1\*  
2020 Florida International Youth Dressage Championships  
Palm Beach Dressage Derby Knockout Exhibition, presented by Summit Farm  
Schedule includes National Show

## March 6-8: AGDF 9

National Show

## March 10-15: AGDF 10

Stillpoint Farm FEI Nations Cup CDI 3\*  
Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI 3\*, presented by Premier Equestrian  
Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special CDI 3\* presented by Peacock Ridge  
Small Tour CDI 3\*, presented by The Dutta Corp.  
Small Tour CDI 1\*,  
CDIO U25, presented by Diamante Farms  
Schedule includes National Show

## March 20-22: AGDF 11

National Show

## March 25-29: AGDF 12

Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle CDI-W, presented by Douglas Elliman Real Estate  
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