MILLAR FAMILY DOMINATES GREENHAWK CANADIAN SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIP

Ten-time Canadian Olympian Ian Millar of Perth, ON, won the first round of competition in the $100,000 Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship on opening night of the Royal Horse Show, held November 4-13, 2016, as part of the 94th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, ON.

Hot on his heels were his two children, Amy and Jonathon, who placed second and third respectively. For the elder Millar, the only thing better than winning was seeing his family dominate the first of two phases of competition comprising the $100,000 Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship.

"I am most pleased about second and third," said Ian Millar in reaction to his daughter and son finishing immediately behind him in the standings. "They really did a great job. Most every country has a national championship, and it's always a matter of great pride for the rider that wins it. We're a competitive group, and part of what makes us good at what we do is being pushed by the others."

Ian Millar has won the Canadian Show Jumping Championship a record 11 times and is on track to make it 12 after clinching Friday night's speed round riding *Dixson*, owned by Susan and Ariel Grange of Cheltenham, ON. *Dixson* has recently returning to competition following a sinus surgery that prevented a 2016 Rio Olympic appearance in August.

IAN MILLAR WINS RECORD 12TH GREENHAWK CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

Having finished second and third behind their father on Friday night, Jonathon and Amy Millar, both of Perth, ON, remained in the top five following the final phase of competition.

Jonathon Millar and *Bonzay*, owned by Isotropic investments, finished on 4.46 penalties for fourth while Amy Millar incurred 8.42 penalties to place fifth riding *Heros*, owned by AMMO Investments.

Based on their performances in the Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship, Cone and Moffatt move forward to the international division, beginning Tuesday, November 8. They join fellow Canadians Tiffany Foster of North Vancouver, BC, Keean White of Rockwood, ON, Vanessa Mannix of Calgary, AB, Erynn Ballard of Tottenham, ON, and Ian and Jonathon Millar, who were all pre-qualified based on their world ranking.

Ten-time Canadian Olympian Ian Millar of Perth, ON, landed his record 12th Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship.

Having returned to competition in August, *Dixson* was back at the top of his game, holding off Mac Cone, 64, of King City, ON. For the second year in a row, Cone earned the Reserve Championship title riding *Gasper van den Doorn* for owner Chadburn Holdings, Inc. The pair finished on a combined total of 1.73 penalties carried forward from Friday night's speed phase, and joined Millar as the only other horse-rider combination to leave all the rails in place over three rounds of competition.

Hyde Moffatt of Brantford, ON, posted two clear rounds in Saturday night's final to finish third with a total of 4.45 penalties riding *Granturo*, owned by Western Sales & Development.
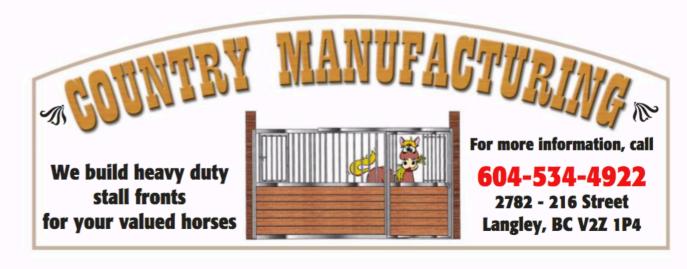

Ian Millar of Perth, ON, won the $100,000 Greenhawk Canadian Show Jumping Championship riding *Dixson* on Saturday, November 5, at the Royal Horse Show in Toronto, ON.

MCLAIN WARD AND *HH AZUR* TOP AN ALL-OLYMPIC PODIUM IN TORONTO

McLain Ward (USA) and his 2016 Olympic mount *HH Azur* captured the win in the fifth leg of the Longines FEI World Cup Jumping 2016/2017 North American League (Eastern Sub-League). The current World No. 4 rider delivered the only double clear effort of the evening, besting a five-man jump-off to clinch his

FEI/ANTHONY TROLLOPE

The United States' McLain Ward at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair with yet another victory aboard *HH Azur*.

FEI/AIMEE MAKRIS

The United States' Jenni McAllister pilots Legis Touch The Sun to the top in the $132,000 Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Royal West.

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fourth consecutive World Cup Jumping Toronto win in the $130,270 Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Toronto for the Hickstead Trophy.

A starting list of 22 horse-and-rider pairs competed over the first-round course designed by Portugal's Bernardo Cabral set in the historic Ricoh Coliseum at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. A fair, yet challenging, track featured a triple combination, a massive triple bar set at

1.90m wide, and flowing turns that tested pairs' adjustability in between fences.

The 64-second time allowed proved to be appropriately set with not one competitor accruing a single time fault. However, despite the majority of the field giving the track a measured ride, six competitors would finish on a total of 4 faults, eight on 8 faults or more, one eliminated, and with two riders, Sharn Wordley (NZL) and Tiffany Foster (CAN), retiring.

The first clear of the evening went to the reigning Olympic Individual Gold Medalist Nick Skelton (GBR) and *Big Star* followed by Mac Cone (CAN), Kent Farrington (USA), McLain Ward (USA), and Shane Sweetnam (IRL).

The track in the final round was a test of handiness and speed with all but one competitor riding double clear. It was Kent Farrington (USA) and *Creedance* who produced the quickest round of the night in 35.19 seconds but would finish on 4 faults, placing them at second. Rounding out the night's podium was Nick Skelton (GBR) and *Big Star*, with a rail and a time of 37.26 seconds. Fourth went to Shane Sweetnam (IRL) and

Chaqui Z while Canada's own Mac Cone finished fifth with *Gasper van den Doorn*. At night's end, it was McLain who delivered the evening's first and only double clear, recording a time of 36.02 seconds to secure the victory.

JENNI MCALLISTER AND *LEGIS TOUCH THE SUN* TOP $132,000 LONGINES FEI WORLD CUP ROYAL WEST

It appeared to be ladies' night in the fourth leg of the Longines FEI World Cup Jumping 2016/2017 North American League Western Sub-League when six of the seven riders to advance to the jump off were female competitors. Over the deciding, short course, Jenni McAllister (USA) and 10-year-old gelding *Legis Touch The Sun* ultimately proved that a big, scopey horse can excel in a small indoor arena, as they went on to capture the win in the $132,000 Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Royal West.

Exactly one week after contesting the World Cup Qualifier at the Del Mar International Horse Show in California, McAllister traveled north, across the border, to try her luck over a track designed by Werner Deeg (GER). In an indoor arena, smaller than last week's in her home state, she outshone a starting field of 21 horse-and-rider pairs with one of only two double clear rounds—and the winning time of 41.88 seconds.

"We bought him as a 5-year-old and knew right away he was something special," the 47-year-old rider said of her mount. "He's a competitive horse. He was still thinking of Thursday's speed round tonight and was a little fresh at the start of the first round, but then he settled."

Canada's Laura Jane Tidball, riding *Prim'*

de Lairaud, finished behind McAllister, while Canada's Christopher Surbey rode to third place aboard *Chalacorada*.

The first-round track was a fair one, according to the evening's riders. And the first clear came with the first pair to contest the course: Cara Anthony (CAN) and *Ayma de la Demi Lune*. But soon after, poles began to drop throughout Deeg's design, and a careful vertical away from the gate caused multiple rounds to record faults.

The jump-off round featured multiple, galloping lines with only a couple opportunities to shave significant time by taking tight turns. It played to the strengths of McAllister's horse with his big stride, coupled with his impressive scope.