



The Daily Briefing

Anna Kubiak Captures \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championships Win



Anna Kubiak of Kildeer, IL, rode Memorable to the win in the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championships on Tuesday, October 24. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

October 24, 2017 – The 2017 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) kicked off on Tuesday, October 24, at the Capital One Arena in downtown Washington, D.C. and continues through Sunday, October 29. The opening day of competition featured the start of professional and amateur hunter divisions, as well as year-end championships for child and adult hunter riders. The winners of the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championships were Anna Kubiak of Kildeer, IL, and Memorable.



[Hear from Anna Kubiak following her victory!](#)

"Honestly, it's little bit surreal [to win here]. I've been here before with my sister to watch, but it's amazing to finally be able to ride here and be out in the ring. It's awesome."

- Anna Kubiak

Kubiak and her horse Memorable, owned by Over Fences Farm LLC, were one of 32 entries in the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championships, and they shot straight to the top of the leaderboard with a first round score of 86. The top 12 riders returned in reverse order of their standings for a second round, and Kubiak and Memorable cemented their win with a second-round score of 76.5 for a 162.5 total. Kubiak, 16, was presented with the H. Fenwick Kollock Memorial Perpetual Trophy, donated by Friends of Fen, for her win.

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[Click to watch Anna Kubiak and Memorable's winning first round in the \\$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship!](#)

Jef Lauwers Lands \$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championships Win with Sutherland



Jef Lauwers and Sutherland won the \$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championships. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"I came out of the turn, and normally I would be patient and wait, but I just saw it coming up, and I was like, 'Okay, I'm just going to close my leg and go for it.' I saw Peter [Pletcher] sweating in the background, and I was like, 'I've got this. Just leave this to me!' It was fun."

- Jef Lauwers

The \$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championships concluded the first day of the 2017 WIHS, with Jef Lauwers and Sutherland, owned by Peter Pletcher, taking the victory from amongst a field of 29 entries. Lauwers and the 11-year-old Oldenburg gelding (by Sir Donnerhall) earned a high score of 86 in the first round, and when the top 12 returned for a second round, it was again Lauwers and Sutherland who topped the leaderboard, this time with a score of 87. Their 173 total score made them the clear front-runners while Neysa Bryant of Smithfield, VA, and Son of a Sailor, owned by Emma Fass, finished in second with a score of 167, and Kendall Meijer of Grand Rapids, MI, and Sorrento, owned by Copper Fox LLC, took third with a 166 score. For his win, Lauwers was presented with the Diana Wade Memorial Award.

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Words From the Winner



[Hear from Jef Lauwers following his win!](#)

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[Click to watch Jef Lauwers and Sutherland's winning second round in the \\$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championships!](#)

Photo of the Day



Cristiano admires his award winning a class of the Amateur-Owner 3'6" Over 35 Hunters with owner and rider Virginia Fout. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

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Wednesday's Highlights

- High Performance Working Hunter Championship
- High Performance Conformation Hunter Championship
- Green Hunter 3'9" Championship
- Green Hunter 3'6" Championship
- Amateur-Owner 3'6" Over 35 Championship
- Amateur-Owner 3'6" 35 & Under Championship
- Amateur-Owner 3'3" 35 & Under Championship
- Amateur-Owner 3'3" Over 35 Championship
- Grand Hunter and Amateur-Owner Hunter Championships
- \$10,000 Children's Jumper Championship
- \$10,000 Adult Jumper Championship
- \$10,000 International Jumper Time First Round

Results

- **The Robotyping Challenge Trophy, presented for the Best Green Hunter Round** - Wonderly, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Dr. Betsee Parker
- **The Fairfax Hunt Race Association Challenge Trophy, presented for the Best Green Handy Hunter Round** - Top Shelf, ridden by Leslie Steele and owned by Milissa Summer

Outside the Ring

Breakfast with the Mounted Police

Wednesday, October 25, 8-10 a.m. at Hotel Monaco (700 F St. NW)