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Stella Wasserman and Benetton Click and Earn Grand Pony Hunter Championship to Conclude 2017 Washington International Horse Show



Stella Wasserman and Benetton. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

October 29, 2017 - Washington, D.C. – The 59th annual Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) concluded on Sunday, October 29, with pony competition taking center stage and culminating with Stella Wasserman, 11, of Beverly Hills, CA, earning the Grand Pony Hunter Championship riding her own Benetton.



Stella Wasserman and Benetton with the Miles River Moonglow Perpetual Trophy. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Wasserman's first-ever grand championship came after she piloted Benetton, a nine-year-old gelding by Top Mosaik, to win two of the pony hunter classes in the large division, as well as earn second in another and finish fifth under saddle.

This year was Wasserman's second time competing at WIHS, and she was also champion in the Small Junior Hunter 15 & Under division with Boss, owned by her mother Laura Wasserman, earlier in the week.

"We have had our roller coaster ride and it has taken me a while to figure him out, but he is such a good boy. He picks and chooses his riders and we finally started to figure each other out." - Stella Wasserman

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Grace Debney Tops WIHS Pony Equitation Finals



Grace Debney and Denmark. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"This is really my first time doing this well, so it is a great feeling. I can make a mistake and he will just keep going. He is a winner so he wants to win everything and if he doesn't he gets a little sassy, but he is very happy today" - Grace Debney

Grace Debney, 13, of Hampden, MA, posted a high score of 87, and held onto the top spot after the flat phase to win the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals riding Denmark, owned by John Skinner. Debney has been riding Denmark for three years and finished third in the WIHS Pony Equitation Finals in 2016 with the 23-year-old Welsh Pony/Thoroughbred gelding by Shams Night Light.

Debney trains with Stacey Weiss and while she will still show ponies, her next goal is to start focusing more on moving up to horses.

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WIHS Regional Hunter Finals, sponsored by The Linden Group at Morgan Stanley

Pony Winner: James Fazekas & Beaudacious

Horse Winner: Courtney Morton & Vivid Star



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Photo of the Day



Emma Hechtman and Sir Dragon share a moment while competing in the Small Pony Hunter division at WIHS. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

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Results

- **Small Pony Hunter Champion:** Alexa Lignelli and iParty
- **Medium Pony Hunter Champion:** Raina Swani and Newhaven's Magnum
- **Large Pony Hunter Champion:** Stella Wasserman and Benetton
- **Best Child Rider on a Pony, sponsored by Gotham North:** Gabrielle Sokolow
- **Potomac Trophy for High Score Junior Hunter rider on a Pony:** Raina Swani
- **Gochman Style of Riding Award:** Libbie Gordon

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