

**Congratulations Continued**

is presented to the high-score female rider based on performances in the weekly **WEF Challenge Cup Series** and grand prix events with the cumulative highest-scoring lady rider winning the Overall WEF Leading Lady Rider title at the completion of the 2018 WEF.



Alyssa Pitts



Sabine Schut-Kery  
Photo by Terri Miller

The Dressage Foundation has announced that U.S. High Performance riders **Alyssa Pitts** and **Sabine Schut-Kery** have been awarded the **2018 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prizes** in the amount of \$25,000 each. They were selected because they display the characteristics and qualities of being talented, committed, qualified riders with plans to reach and excel at the elite international standards of high-performance dressage.

Alyssa Pitts is a USDF bronze, silver and gold medalist from Snohomish, Washington, where she trains her own **Quintessential Hit**, a 2009 Oldenburg (Quarterback x Sandro Hit x Wolkentanz II) bred by **Sherry Smith** of Mansfield, Georgia. Quintessential Hit was

the **2017 USDF Horse of the Year at Prix St. Georges** and **Reserve Champion Horse of the Year at Intermediate I**. Alyssa plans to use the prize to either travel to Florida for concentrated training with **Debbie McDonald** and to compete at Wellington CDIs, or to travel to England to work with **Charlotte Dujardin**.

Sabine, based in Thousand Oaks, California, was a member of the **2015 US Pan American Games gold medal team**, and is a USDF bronze, silver and gold medalist. She competes **Sanceo**, a 2006 Hanoverian Stallion by San Remo, owned by **Alice Womble-Heitman** and **Dr. Mike Heitman** of **Horsegate Ranch** in Texas, and bred by **Gerhard Dustmann** in Germany. Sabine used her 2017 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize to train and compete in Germany, where she and Sanceo had much success in the grand prix arena. Sabine's goal for 2018 is to make the US Equestrian Team and compete at the **2018 World Equestrian Games** in Tryon, North Carolina.

**Show News**



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Kiki Umla  
Photo by Kenneth Kraus/Phelps Sports

The **Lake Placid Horse Show Association** has initiated plans to expand riding areas at the **North Elba Showgrounds** to provide exhibitors with more space for riding. The ring at the back of the grounds will be expanded from its previous 17,000 square feet (100 by 170 feet) to 28,000 square feet (140 by 200 feet) and will be named in memory of **Kiki Umla**, one of the hunter-jumper circuit's most beloved figures who often monitored that ring in her roles as a USEF steward and schooling supervisor. The 2018 **Lake Placid Horse Shows**, presented by Sea Shore Stables, LLC, and sponsored by Bainbridge Farm, returns **June 26-July 8** at the shows' world-class venue in Lake Placid, New York. More great improvements at Lake Placid!

The **Canadian Show Jumping Team**, comprised of **Tiffany Foster**, **Eric Lamaze**, **François Lamontagne** and **Ian Millar**, claimed victory in the **\$450,000 Longines**



Eric Lamaze and Coco Bongo  
Photo by Starting Gate Communications

**Nations' Cup** on Sunday, February 18, at CSIO\* Ocala, Florida. Ian, a 10-time Olympian, and anchor rider Eric, a three-time Olympic medalist, were the only two athletes to jump double-clear in the first five-star Nations' Cup ever held in the United States, leading Canada to victory and splitting a new €50,000 bonus on offer this season as the day's top performers. Canada won with a two-round total of eight faults over Brazil with 16 faults while Ireland and the United States tied for third place with 24 faults apiece. Germany finished fifth with 32 faults while Mexico was sixth with 40 faults.



Lindsey Tomeu and Gold Lux are leading the WIHS Adult Jumper rankings  
Photo by Jump Media

The official early rankings for the **60th Anniversary Washington International Horse Show (WIHS)** championship events, running October 23-28 at **Capital One Arena** in downtown Washington, D.C., have been released. Riders who earn the most points at more than 650 horse shows in North America throughout the year are eligible to compete in the WIHS Championship Finals. The event includes the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship, \$10,000 WIHS Children's Jumper Championship, \$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championship, \$10,000 WIHS Adult Jumper Championship, the Lindsay Maxwell Charitable Fund WIHS Equitation Finals, and WIHS Pony Equitation Finals. The complete rankings are available at [www.wihs.org/wihs-rankings](http://www.wihs.org/wihs-rankings). With six months remaining in the qualifying period, which ends August 31, there is still plenty of time to qualify for the 60th Anniversary WIHS. Riders must be active WIHS members in order for points to count. Membership can be obtained at [www.wihs.org/membership](http://www.wihs.org/membership).