

Mark Your Calendar Continued



"The Welsh Pony" by photographer Bruce Davidson

The Humane Society of New York will host its **Fifth Fine Art Photography Benefit Auction** on Wednesday, May 23, at Aperture Gallery in New York City. Over 150 photographs will be up for auction, including works by famed photographers **Elliott Erwitt**, **Sylvia Plath**, **Richard Phibbs**, **David LaChapelle**, **Bob Gruen** and more. Many of the photographers will be at the benefit event and auction as will some of the dogs that are up for adoption at the city's oldest rescue. Bidding will be available online and at the event. www.humanesocietyny.org/

Show News



Chester Weber and team
Photo by Pics of You

The **Live Oak International** again hosted some of the biggest names in both combined driving and show jumping for four exciting days of world-class competition. **Chester Weber** won a record 15th USEF Four-in-Hand National Championship title, leading the event from start to finish. The event hosted seven U.S. Equestrian National Driving Championships, including the first at intermediate level. Intermediate Single Pony Champion was **Jennifer Keeler** while **Katie Whaley** clinched the Intermediate Pair Pony. **Jennifer Thompson** took home the Intermediate Single Horse Championship title while **Scott Adcox** won the title for Intermediate Pair Horse. **Kristen Vanderveen** decisively won

the \$100,000 Longines FEI World Cup Jumping Qualifier Grand Prix, presented by **Golden Ocala Golf and Equestrian Club**, which earned her a trip to Paris for the 2018 Longines FEI World Cup Final in April. For more information and results, visit www.liveoakinternational.com.



Hannah Selleck and Bayou
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

In a clean sweep of the Young Hunter 3'6" division, **Hannah Selleck** rode **Bayou** to the Mid-Circuit Championship, the second Half-Circuit Championship, and ultimately the Overall Grand Circuit Championship at HITS Coachella in Thermal, California. Based on these consistent performances, Bayou, a 7-year-old dark bay Hanoverian gelding owned by **Lightfoot Show Stables**, currently leads the Young Hunter 3'6" U.S. Equestrian national points standings.



Georgina Bloomberg and Manodie II H with Martha Jolicoeur and Dr. Stephen Norton
Photo by Jump Media

Martha W. Jolicoeur, Wellington's go-to equestrian real estate broker, presented U.S. rider **Georgina Bloomberg** with the Leading Lady Rider Award during the 10th week of competition, ranked as a CSI3* by the FEI, at the **Winter Equestrian Festival** in Wellington, Florida. Georgina and her mount, **Manodie II H**, were third in both the \$132,000 Horseware Ireland Grand Prix during "Saturday Night Lights" and the \$35,000 Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup earlier in the week.



Collin Pierson with Michelle Durpetti and Caitlyn Shiels
Photo by Sheryl Sutherby

The exemplary photographer behind **Collin Pierson Photography and Fine Art Horses**, **Collin Pierson**, became immersed in the equestrian world only after meeting — and in January marrying — equestrian **Michelle Durpetti**. After watching and shooting photos from the sidelines, Collin made his jumping debut at **HITS Ocala** riding **On My Honor**, owned by **Robin Feldman**. Under the instruction of **Caitlyn Shiels** of **True North Stables**, Collin brought home a win in the adult maiden equitation on March 10.



Eric Lamaze and Chesney
Photo by Starting Gate Communications

On March 15, **Eric Lamaze** won the \$35,000 CSI3* Equinimity WEF Challenge Cup Round 10 aboard **Chesney**, marking the Canadian Olympic champion's third WEF Challenge Cup win of the season and his record 28th WEF Challenge Cup career victory. Previously tied with three-time U.S. Olympic medalist **McLain Ward** for the most WEF Challenge Cup wins at 27 apiece, Eric now sits alone at the top of the leaderboard. To earn his most recent victory, Eric and Chesney, an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by **Artisan Farms**, mastered the course set by **Michel Vaillancourt**, the only person other than Eric to win an individual Olympic medal for Canada.