



CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 7, 2018 UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

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Jessica Stone Scores USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East Win

Upper Marlboro, Maryland – Eleven new champions were crowned on Saturday, September 29, at the 25th anniversary Capital Challenge Horse Show, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Among the winners on the second day of the BigEq.com Equitation Weekend was Jessica Stone of West Bloomfield, MI, who clinched victory in the second annual United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East.



Jessica Stone won the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East in Saturday, September 29. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

In order to secure the win, Stone had to top 121 entries over three phases of competition, including flat and gymnastics phases held on Friday and a final, jumping phase held on Saturday.

Coming into Saturday, Stone sat in third on a score of 216.80, while Breanna Bunevacz of Calabasas, CA, held the lead with a score of 220.12. However, Stone soon shot to the top of the leaderboard after earning a score of 89 from judges Mark Jungherr and Sissy Wickes. That score, multiplied by a coefficient of two and combined with her score from Friday, gave Stone a 394.80 total that would prove to be untouchable by the final two riders to return. Bunevacz, 15, finished the round with a score of 84.50 in the jumping phase for a 389.12 total.

With more than five points separating them, no additional testing was necessary, and Stone was awarded the victory while Bunevacz took second. For the win, Stone received a Charles Owen helmet, a set of Professional's Choice Pro Performance Schooling Boots, and a pair of Parlanti paddock boots, in addition to her ribbon and sash. Bunevacz was also presented with a pair of Professional's Choice Pro Performance Schooling Boots.

"It feels really good!" said Stone, 18. "We were coming in in third place, so I knew I had to lay down a good round. I trust my horse, so I knew we had a good chance."

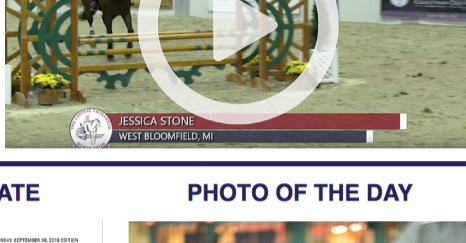
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USHJA 3'3" MEDAL SCORE SHEET

	Phase 1+2	Phase 3	Total
1. Jessica Stone	216.80	178	394.8
2. Breanna Bunevacz	220.12	169	389.12
3. Caroline Bald	213.05	173.50	386.55
4. Emma Pacyna	213.22	170.50	383.72
5. Elizabeth Nevins	206.10	174	380.10
6. Kyla Sullivan	205.65	173	378.65
7. Emily Williams	210.02	167.20	377.22
8. James Faloni	211.50	163.70	375.20
9. Avery Glynn	214.27	160.50	374.77
10. Kathryn Hall	206.37	167.50	374.07

WINNING ROUND

Watch Jessica Stone's winning USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final round [here!](#)



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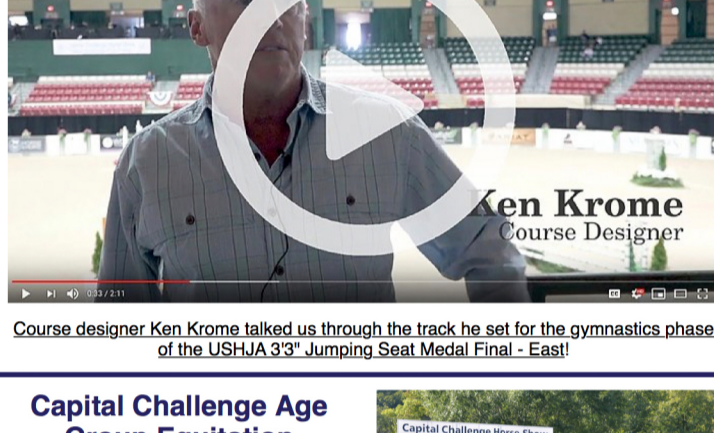
PHOTO OF THE DAY



Jessica Stone gets a hug from her mom after winning the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final.

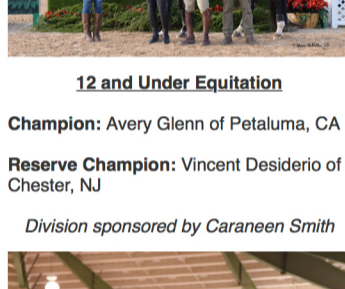
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BEHIND-THE-SCENES VIDEOS



Course designer Ken Krome talked us through the track he set for the gymnastics phase of the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East!

Capital Challenge Age Group Equitation Champions

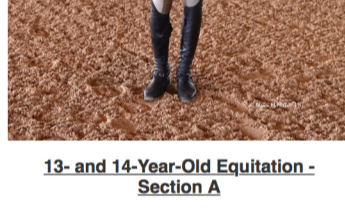


12 and Under Equitation

Champion: Avery Glenn of Petaluma, CA

Reserve Champion: Vincent Desiderio of Chester, NJ

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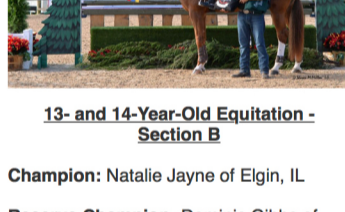


13- and 14-Year-Old Equitation - Section A

Champion: Hannah Hoch of Whitefish Bay, WI

Reserve Champion: Samantha Meyer of Wentzville, MI

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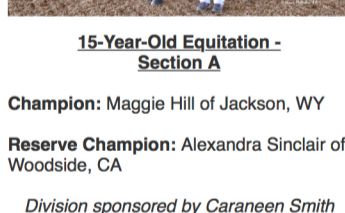


13- and 14-Year-Old Equitation - Section B

Champion: Natalie Jayne of Elgin, IL

Reserve Champion: Dominic Gibbs of Colorado Springs, CO

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15-Year-Old Equitation - Section A

Champion: Maggie Hill of Jackson, WY

Reserve Champion: Alexandra Sinclair of Woodside, CA

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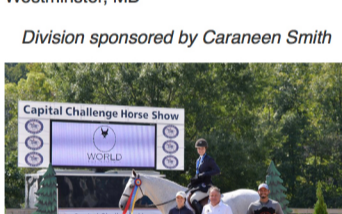


15-Year-Old Equitation - Section B

Champion: Sophie Steckbeck of Clarksburg, NJ

Reserve Champion: Taylor Griffiths of Brewster, NY

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16-Year-Old Equitation - Section A

Champion: Mia Mannis of Woodbury, CT

Reserve Champion: Madeline Schaefer of Westminster, MD

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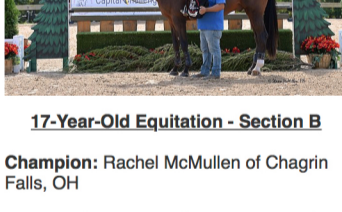


16-Year-Old Equitation - Section B

Champion: Kaitlyn Lovingfoss of Santa Clarita, CA

Reserve Champion: Sophie Transou of Victor, ID

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17-Year-Old Equitation - Section A

Champion: Kate Abajian of San Juan Capistrano, CA

Reserve Champion: Alice Kass of Chatham, NJ

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17-Year-Old Equitation - Section B

Champion: Rachel McMullen of Chagrin Falls, OH

Reserve Champion: Grady Lyman of San Diego, CA

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