

Interscholastic Equestrian Association

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along with her teammates from Lucky C Stables coached by Jessica Anselmo and Susan Clark, they accumulated more than double the points of the next closest team to sweep the title of Upper School Team Champions.

McGovern received \$2,100 in scholarship money from IEA as well as a host of awards and prizes from generous sponsors and opportunities for further competition and training with the USHJA and the National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA). In addition to all this success, it was revealed during the Parade of Teams that McGovern was the only rider present at National Finals that had qualified six out of seven possible years.

Placing in the Reserve Champion slot for Upper School Team was Empress Equestrian Team from Columbus, OH, coached by Jamie Mills. The Middle School Team Championship was won by Parkview Equestrian Team from Central Islip, NY, coached by Yvonne Burns and Marlene McCabe. Reserve Champion Middle School Team went to Carriage Hill Farms from Delray Beach, FL, and coached by Tricia Carron and Andrea Wrzosek.

The IEA holds the trait of good sportsmanship in the highest regard—both for riders and coaches. Allison Applegett from Sid Griffith Equestrian Club in Hilliard, OH, took home the fourth annual Coach Sportsmanship Award. Madison Kniss from Sharkey Equestrian Team in Snoqualmie, WA, was awarded the Victor

Hugo-Vidal Sportsmanship Award.

Each year at IEA National Finals, the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. presents a non-riding competition in the form of a written test and a hands-on practicum for a select group of finalists. The Holy Innocents Episcopal School Horsemanship Test Upper School winner was Sadie Stott from Clover Grove Equestrian Team in Fishersville, VA. Middle School winner went to Matt Tracy of Briarwood Farm Equestrian Team in Ringoes, NJ.

Since its creation, the IEA has relied on the support from its many volunteers to assist in the success of the organization. The Volunteer of the Show award was presented to Hailey Johnson from Chatham Hall in Chatham, VA. In addition to Johnson's excellent service as a volunteer during National Finals, she also serves as the Zone 3 IEA Youth Board representative.

The eleventh annual Timothy J. Boone Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Amanda Garner from Dahlonga, GA. Garner is an IEA Steward, owner of Epiphany Farm, and author of "A Parent's Guide to the IEA." She serves as the Secretary of the IEA Board of Directors and as the Warm-Up Supervisor for National Finals.

The IEA is committed to the wellness of the horses in all competitions. To recognize the quality of the horses donated for the three-day event, "Twister," provided by Cazenovia College, was named Champion Outstanding IEA Hunt Seat Horse and "Swell," provided by Lessa Walker Stable, was named Best Turned-Out Horse.

"The outstanding quality of the



Tomiko McGovern was named the 2018 Interscholastic Equestrian Association Leading Hunt Seat Rider.

horses brought to this show by our horse providers and their willingness to share these fine animals with our riders continues to be among the best we have seen at any IEA Nationals," said Roxane Durant, IEA Co-Founder and Executive Director. "We realize the amount of work involved in hauling and caring for horses at a National Finals, especially in less than ideal weather conditions, and we know that our kids appreciated the opportunity to ride such quality mounts."

Horses for National Finals were graciously provided by Alfred University, Cazenovia College, CNY EQ, Fairway Farm, Galemont Farms, Grier School, Huntington Meadows, Lucky C Stables, Morrisville State College, North Country Horses, RGB/CNY, TAPS/ North Riding, Leesa Walker Stables, and Whistler Ridge. 📧

Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Shows

Finishes with Beat Mändli and Simba on Top

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SWITZERLAND'S BEAT MÄNDLI and Simba, owned by Grant Road Partners, won the \$131,000 Empire State Grand Prix CSI3*, presented by The Kincade Group, during the final day of the 2018 Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Shows at Old Salem Farm in North Salem, NY, on Sunday, May 20. The highlight class of the two-week event also had local superstar McLain Ward of Brewster, NY, in second place with Clinta, while Brianne Goutal-Martreau and Viva Colombia were third.

There were 33 entries in the grand

prix, and five found a clear round to advance to the jump-off over courses designed by Alan Wade of Ireland. First to return was the initial round pathfinder Amber Harte on Take the High Road LLC's Cafino. They had four faults in 36.09 seconds for fourth place. Following Harte was Charlie Jacobs with Cassinja S, owned by CMJ Sporthorse, LLC. With nine faults in 46.60 seconds, they took home the fifth-place ribbon.

Ward and Clinta, now owned by Sagamore Farms, Ward, and Susie Heller, were next in and showcased

the 11-year-old Oldenburg mare's astonishing jumping style, but with a missed inside turn, they would have to settle for second place in 35.36 seconds. Ward noted, "I didn't get a great turn after the third jump and had to go around the island. I knew I lost a little time. She has a really big stride, but there was really nowhere to leave out. I did what I could do, but I knew I left a little room and unfortunately Beat took advantage of it. I'm thrilled with the horse and excited about what's to come with her."

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It was Mändli next in for the jump-off with Simba, and they executed the course and sped down to the final fence to stop the timers in 34.34 seconds. "I thought I had to go fast obviously. I did one turn after the third fence inside [the planter]. He landed a bit shorter than McLain's horse so I could do that turn," Mändli said of the 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding. "I think that's where I made up the time. He was jumping unbelievable. He was very careful and made it very easy for me. It depended on how I catch that third fence. If I had a long one, then it would have been a bit difficult. It just worked out."

Mändli took over the ride on Simba a year and a half ago from his student, U.S. show jumper Katie Dinan. "He's a little bit of a strong horse," Mändli described. "I took him over and it goes quite well. I'm very happy with him."

Goutal-Marteau was last to go in the jump-off on Viva Colombia, a 13-year-

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old Oldenburg mare, and they put in a solid clear trip in 35.58 seconds for third place. "I loved her since the beginning," said Goutal-Marteau of the mare she took over riding last summer. "She really blossomed when I started riding her. Every show, I feel her improve. I'm thrilled with her."

With his top horse, Dsarie, and Simba, Mändli has a strong string going to Europe this summer. He will

ride on the team for Switzerland in the FEI Nations Cup in St. Gallen. Competing at the Old Salem Farm Spring Horse Shows gave him strong preparation. "I had Dsarie here last week so she had two rounds on the grass that I wanted," he said. "It would have been nice if we could have jumped on the field [today], but the arena is also very nice. It's good for the horses and no risk." 🐾



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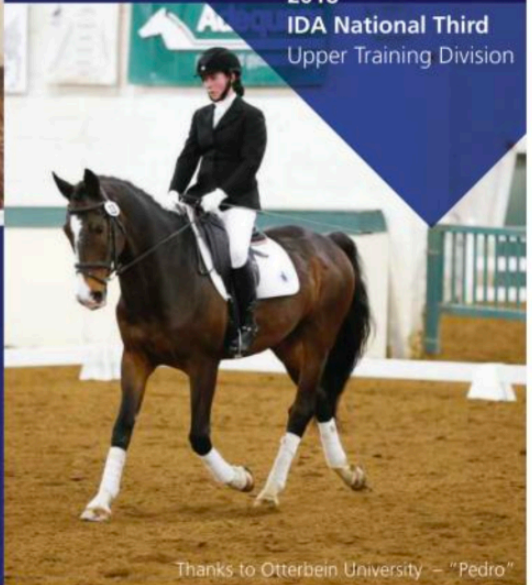
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