

Show News



Petra Srnec, center, with Marielle Babington (left) and Elizabeth Sponseller (right), was presented with the Grooms Award.

The Grooms Award, Ltd., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, presented gift certificates to grooms of horses competing in the first week's \$100,000 Prevoist Richard M. Feldman Grand Prix and additional gift bags to grooms of horses in the second week's \$100,000 Great American Insurance Group Grand Prix during the Lake Placid Horse Shows. The groom of the second week's winning horse also received a cash award plus extra gifts. Petra Srnec was presented with the special award for her care of Shorapur, Irish Olympic veteran Kevin Babington's winning mount in the \$100,000 Great American Insurance Group Grand Prix presented by Aon. Petra received \$200 from The Grooms Award, Ltd, together with an embroidered bag, compliments of SmartPak, containing a variety of gifts including OutSmart bug repellent, a Pick Brush donated by Somerset Equestrian Trading, Sterling Essentials tack cleaner and Limber Up from Back On Track.



Kirk Webby and Brando du Rouet
Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

The Vermont Summer Festival returned to East Dorset, Vermont, nestled in the hills of Southern Vermont, for six weeks of diverse offerings for hunter, jumper and equitation competitors from July 2–August 11. New Zealand Olympian Kirk Webby claimed both the \$30,000 Vermont Summer Special Grand Prix, presented by Johnson Horse Transportation, and the \$30,000 Battenkill Grand Prix, presented by Hampton Inn & Suites Manchester, riding

Brando du Rouet. Ireland's Kevin McCarthy was then victorious during week three of the Vermont Summer Festival, winning the \$30,000 Otter Creek Grand Prix, presented by Purina Horse Feeds, on Catch A Star HSS. In hunter action, Morgan Ward of Milford, New Jersey, won the \$5,000 NEHJA Hunter Derby, presented by Eastern Hay, during the first two weeks riding Cypress and Carpedi, and Amy Momrow of Albany, New York, won the \$5,000 NEHJA Hunter Derby, presented by Eastern Hay, during week three riding G. Eleven.



Jonathon Millar and Daveau
By Ben Radvanyi Photography

Jonathon Millar of Perth, Ontario, and Daveau won the \$134,000 CSI3* Grand Prix, presented by Brookstreet Hotel, on July 21 to close the CSI3* Ottawa International II show jumping tournament at Wesley Clover Parks in the national capital of Canada with the only double-clear performance. During the first week of competition, the CSI2* Ottawa International I, Canadian Olympian Beth Underhill claimed back-to-back wins riding Count Me In, owned by Sandy Lupton and Rob Caswell. The pair topped both the \$36,100 CSI2* Open Welcome on July 12 and the \$36,100 CSI2* Classic on July 13. The following week, 27-year-old Ali Ramsay scored two consecutive victories in her CSI3* Ottawa International II debut, piloting Casino, owned by Ramsay Equestrian Inc., to the winner's circle in both the \$7,000 CSI3* Welcome and the \$37,000 CSI3* Capital Classic.

Condolences

Robert Harrison Gage (born March 20, 1952) died on June 12, 2019, in Fallbrook, California. Rob was a native Californian, having grown up in Rolling Hills. He lived in many places throughout his life, including Illinois, Arizona, Florida, New Mexico and Venezuela, but he always managed to return to his beloved Southern California. Rob was an accomplished equestrian, having been named AGA Rider of the Year in back-to-back years, four-time West Coast Rider of the Year, three-time World Cup team member, multiple-year winner of the "Rolex Crown of Excellence," and,

most recently, chef d'equipe of the Venezuelan Olympic Show Jumping Team. He was a rider, trainer, course designer and judge at all levels of show jumping. Rob appeared as himself in the 1985 film "Lightning, the White Stallion" with Mickey Rooney and was the co-founder of the popular internet company Judge My Ride. Rob's interests outside the show ring included deep sea fishing, travel, wildlife conservation and bird watching with his longtime companion, Lauren Craft. Rob was always known for having an encouraging word, a smile on his face, and a Dr. Pepper in his hand. Consider donating to the Rob Gage Memorial Fund for Wildlife at CharitySmith.org

Long time horse show supporter, Ramona Fridley, 84, passed away June 27, 2019. Ramona worked for some of the best show barns and top trainers throughout the years, also managing stables, driving horse vans and doing the dirty work. Sometimes brusque, she had a heart of gold and loved the animals. Restricted to her bed the past few years, she continued her love of all horse sports as well as completing many needlepoint projects for friends and the Crafty Fox Shop. Her friend and recent advocate, Joyce Phipps, was at her bedside until the end. No service is planned. Please remember her with kind thoughts. She will be missed.

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