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Emily Williams and Beach Boy are Best in Junior Hunters at Capital Challenge

Upper Marlboro, MD – Emily Williams rode Beach Boy to the Overall Grand Junior Hunter Championship on Sunday, October 6, to conclude the 2019 Capital Challenge Horse Show at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Williams, 17, of Newhall, CA, and the 10-year-old Holsteiner gelding claimed two wins over fences and a second place under saddle in the Small Junior Hunter 3'6", 16-17 division to first claim the division championship before ultimately being named the High Point Junior Hunter, 16-17, sponsored by Somerset Farm, and clinching the Overall Grand Champion Junior Working Hunter title, sponsored by Shadow Ridge. For the top honor, Williams received the Spontaneous Perpetual Trophy, donated by the Listrani Family, as well as being named the recipient of the Best Junior Rider Award, sponsored by Karen Healey.



Emily Williams rode Beach Boy to the Grand Junior Hunter 3'6" Championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"It feels so amazing," said Williams. "I'm so, so honored, and I'm just so happy. I thought [Beach Boy] was super consistent and jumped well in every round."

While Williams and Beach Boy may have claimed the highest Junior Hunter award, contesting the hunters was not actually Williams' primary goal for her second visit to the Capital Challenge Horse Show.

"He had to end up stepping up and being my equitation horse, so the hunters were kind of just for fun this week!" said Williams who has owned and ridden Beach Boy for four years after initially purchasing him for the jumper ring but soon transitioning him to the hunters and now the equitation as well. "I always thought he would be a nice hunter since the day I got him. He's always just loved it. I've done him in the [International and National Hunter Derbies]. He's always been so amazing."

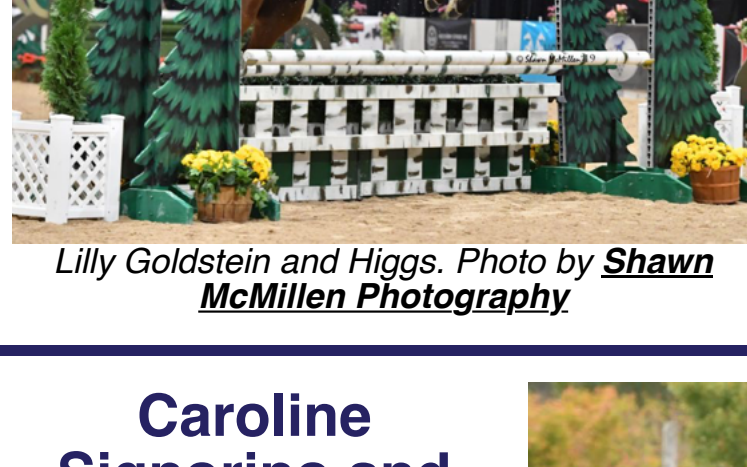
Williams made the trip to Capital Challenge from Texas Christian University where she is a freshman studying business and competing on the school's National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) team.

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Lilly Goldstein Goes Home with Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship

The Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship, sponsored by Ocean Echo, went home to Argyle, TX, with Lilly Goldstein, who claimed the title with her own Higgs.

The pair claimed two wins over fences, including in the handy round in the indoor, to take the Junior Hunter 3'3", 14 And Under division championship.



Lilly Goldstein and Higgs. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Goldstein also claimed the Best EMO Junior Hunter 3'3" Trip of the Show with a score of 88.5 in one round and the Best Junior Hunter 3'3" Rider Award, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Tamurianz.

"This is all quite new for him," Goldstein said. "He'd never been in the indoor before, and he was so great."

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Caroline Signorino and Outlook Claim Children's Hunter Grand Championship

The 2019 Grand Children's Hunter Champion award, sponsored by Mary Jane King, was presented to Caroline Signorino and Outlook, owned by Luke Rajan.

Signorino, of Basking Ridge, NJ, and the 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding finished first and fourth over fences and sixth under saddle to first earn the Children's Hunter 14 & Under division championship, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Duffy and Little Brook Farms, Inc.



Grand Children's Hunter champions Caroline Signorino and Outlook. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

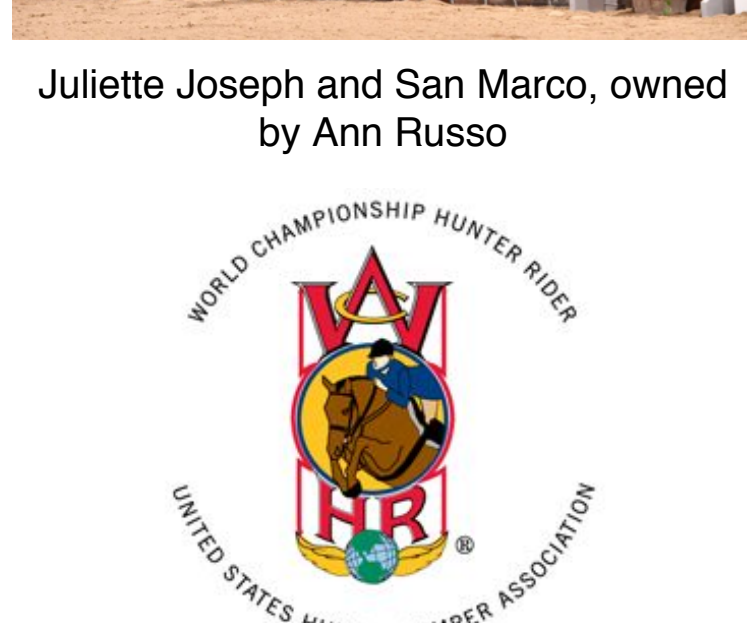
For their consistent results, the pair was presented with the Laura Pickett Memorial Trophy, donated by Julia Karpan, as the Grand Champion Children's Hunter winners, and Signorino also received the Best Children's Hunter Rider Award, sponsored by Wild Sky Farm and the Nelson Family.

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WCHR Challenge Winners

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\$5,000 WCHR 3'6" Junior Hunter Challenge



Juliette Joseph and San Marco, owned by Ann Russo

\$2,500 WCHR 3'3" Junior Hunter Challenge



Mae Mannis and her own Cloney's Pleasure

\$1,500 WCHR Children's Hunter Challenge



Peyten Seltzer and her own Que Creme



Gallery of Champions

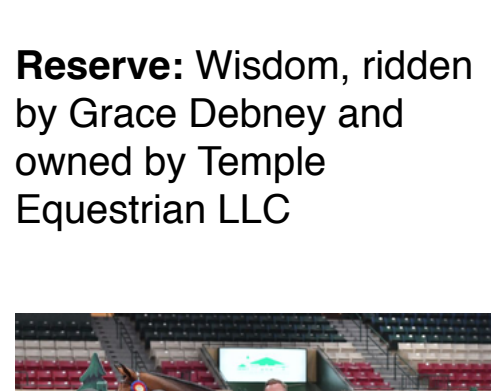
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Junior Hunter 3'3", 14 & Under

Champion: Higgs, owned and ridden by Lilly Goldstein

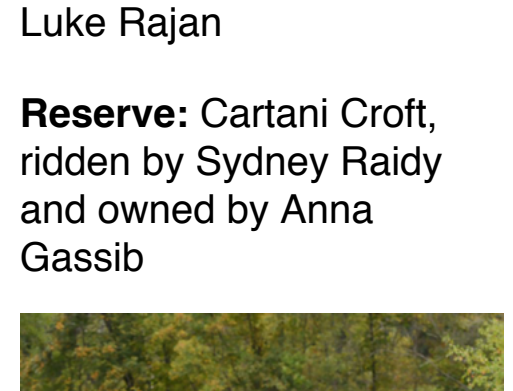
Reserve: Cold Harbor, ridden by Maddie Tosh and owned by Betsee Parker



Small Junior Hunter, 15 & Under

Champion: Calou, ridden by Eleanor Rudnicki and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Firestone

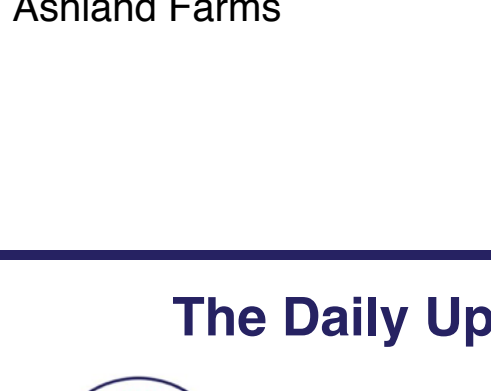
Reserve: Wisdom, ridden by Grace Debney and owned by Temple Equestrian LLC



Children's Hunter, 14 & Under

Champion: Outlook, ridden by Caroline Signorino and owned by Luke Rajan

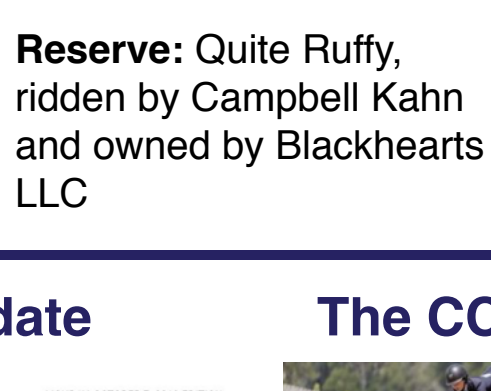
Reserve: Cartani Croft, ridden by Sydney Raidy and owned by Anna Gassib



Junior Hunter 3'3", 15-17

Champion: Worthy, ridden by Sydney Hamel and owned by Sunset View Farm LLC

Reserve: Northface, ridden by Susannah Gerhardt and owned by Ashland Farms



Large Junior Hunter, 15 & Under

Champion: For Fun, ridden by Brooke Morin and owned by Troy Christiansen

Reserve: Quite Ruffy, ridden by Campbell Kahn and owned by Blackhearts LLC

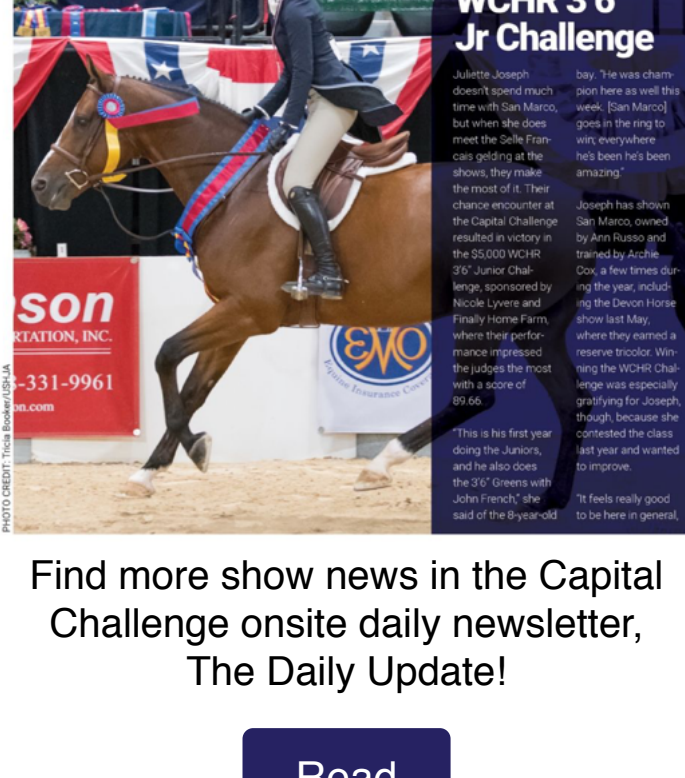


Children's Hunter, 15-17

Champion: Jade, ridden by Claire Healy and owned by Shaw Johnson Price

Reserve: Casallo, ridden by Anna Mae Saunders and owned by Erin McGuire

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Now in its 26th year, the Capital Challenge Horse Show, presented by the World Equestrian Center, sets itself apart with a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. Held at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, the 2019 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show is taking place now through October 6. The 10 days of competition include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the \$25,000 3' and 3'3" Green Hunter North American Championships, and more, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions. For more information, visit www.capitalchallenge.org.

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