



The WIHS Daily Briefing - Tuesday, October 22

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Priscilla Denegre Earns a Precious Win At WIHS

Washington, D.C. – The six-day Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS EQUESTRIAN™, kicked off on Tuesday, October 22, at Capital One Arena in the heart of Washington, D.C. Tuesday's opening day of competition featured the start of the professional and amateur hunter divisions, as well as year-end championships for child and adult hunter riders.

Earning wins in the \$10,000 WIHS Adult Hunter Championship and the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship were Priscilla Denegre riding String of Pearls and Abby Cole on Q-Bella, respectively.



Priscilla Denegre rode String of Pearls to the win in the \$10,000 Adult Hunter Championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

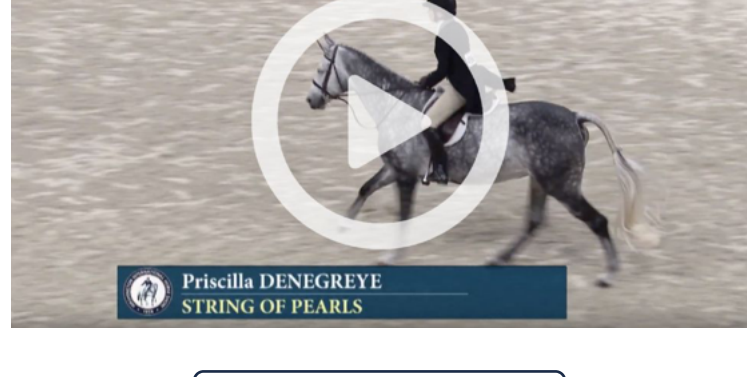
Winning the \$10,000 Adult Hunter Championship during Hunt Night, presented by BUCKEYE™ Nutrition, had very special meaning for Denegre, who collected the Diane Wade Memorial Award for the win. Not only does Denegre have a long history with WIHS, but she's also just coming back from a serious injury.

"I'm so lucky and blessed to be able to come back and do this. I know that. To have this horse, and to win this, is big for me," she said. Denegre's 2017 fall resulted in multiple broken bones and extensive time out of the saddle. When she was ready to start jumping again early this year, String of Pearls was her pick to ride. "She's been terrific. Talk about helping my confidence coming back; it just couldn't be better," Denegre, of Middleburg, VA, said.



Priscilla Denegre and String of Pearls. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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From the field of 31 starting round one over the Alan Lohman-designed course, Denegre and "Pearl" scored an 83, which put them into third. A score of 85 in round two sent them on top of the standings and earned them the blue. "She's one of those horses that wants to please," Denegre said of Pearl.

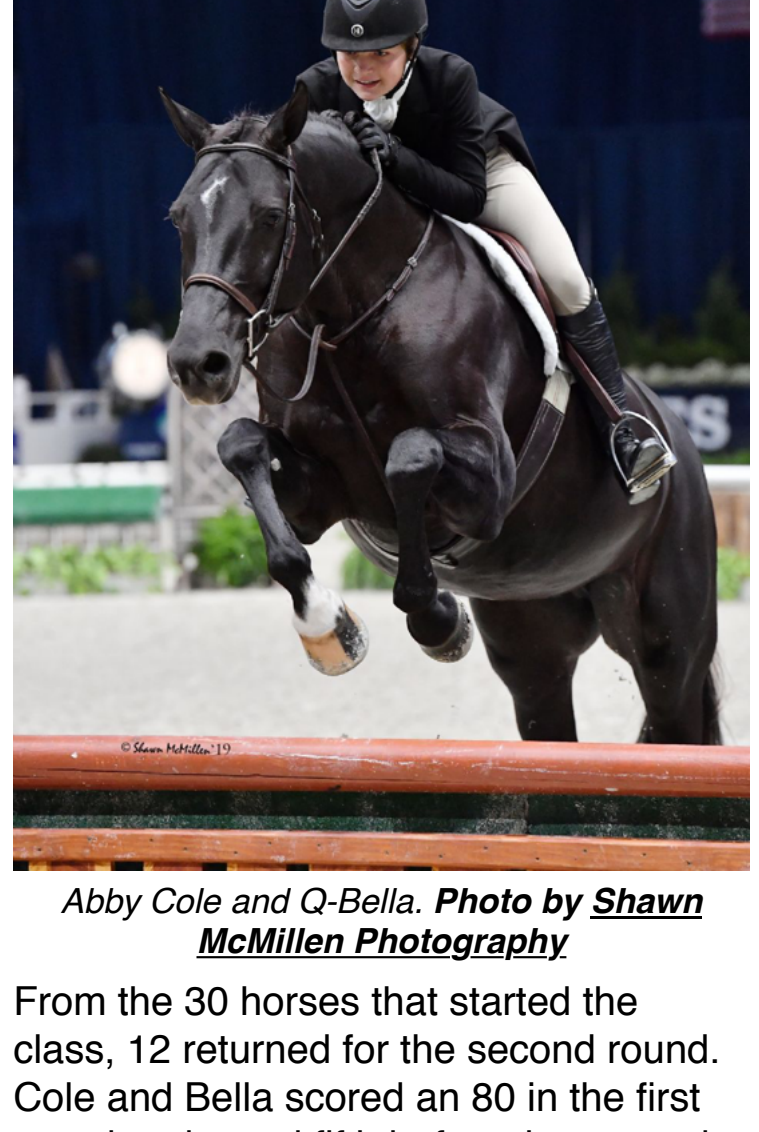
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Abby Cole Conquers the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship

Abby Cole is a huge fan of WIHS, so she was delighted to lead the victory gallop for the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Hunter Championship. Cole, a 14-year-old from Ashburn, VA, has been attending WIHS as a spectator for years.

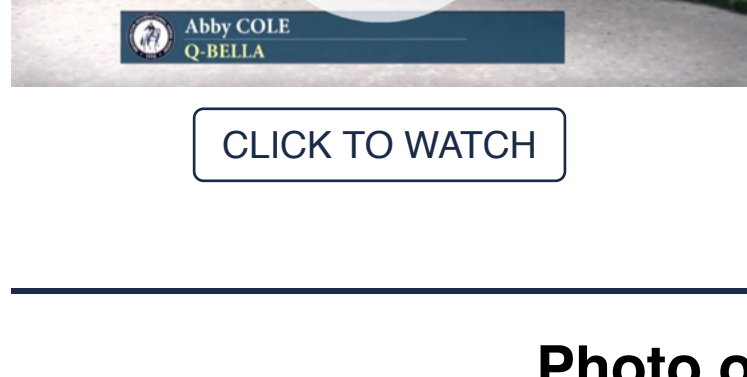
"It means a lot," Cole said. "I worked really hard. I wanted to do well in this year. I've never done well at a big show." She rode Kelsey Campbell's Q-Bella to the win with a total score of 165 to earn the H. Fenwick Kollock Memorial Perpetual Trophy, donated by Friends of Fen.

Madeline Rubin and Nuff Said finished in second with a score of 164.5, while Juliette Propp took third on Premium Blend with a score of 163.



Abby Cole and Q-Bella. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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From the 30 horses that started the class, 12 returned for the second round. Cole and Bella scored an 80 in the first round and stood fifth before the second round, but a stellar trip in round two and a score of 85 vaulted them into the lead for the win.

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Photo of the Day

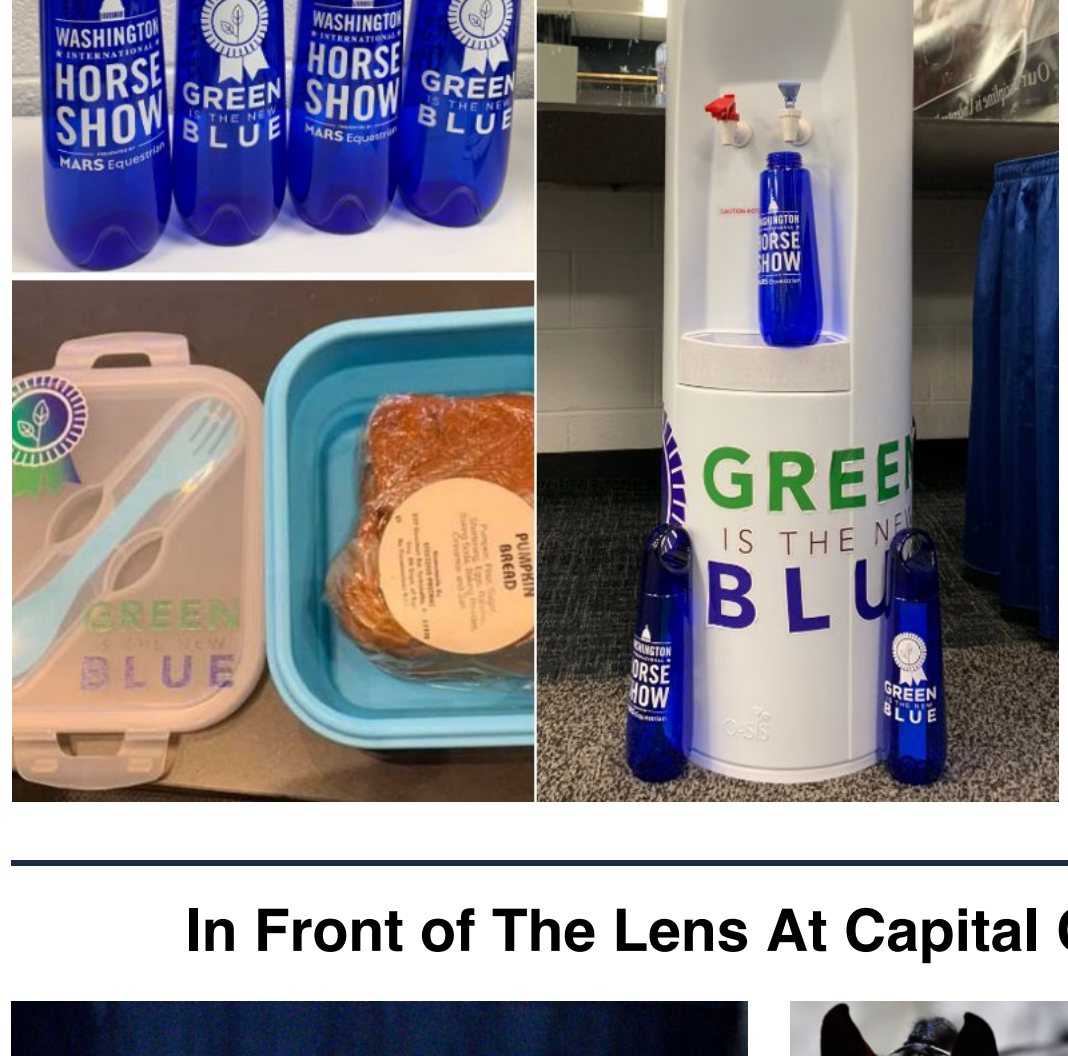


Becky Gochman gives away her blue ribbon and winner's plate to a young spectator after topping Tuesday's Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" Over 35 over fences class aboard Catch Me. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

On the Rail: WIHS is Going Green!

Did you know that Washington, D.C., instituted a ban on single-use plastic straws in 2019? It's part of the city's effort to go greener, and the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS EQUESTRIAN™, is following the trend with the Green Is The New Blue Program.

Walking around WIHS, you see trainers sipping that all-important morning coffee from signature Green Is The New Blue reusable cups. The show office is distributing complimentary reusable water bottles. Utensils and napkins in the AON Exhibitors' Lounge are biodegradable. Recycling bins are all over in the concourse and barn area. Posters with going green tips from Green Flatty Major, the show mascot, appear around the show.



Amateur rider Stephanie Bulger launched the Green Is The New Blue program earlier this year, and multiple shows have signed on to help horse shows be more eco-friendly and educate riders, trainers, vendors, spectators, and horse show staff on the simple but effective ways they can make a difference.

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In Front of The Lens At Capital One Arena



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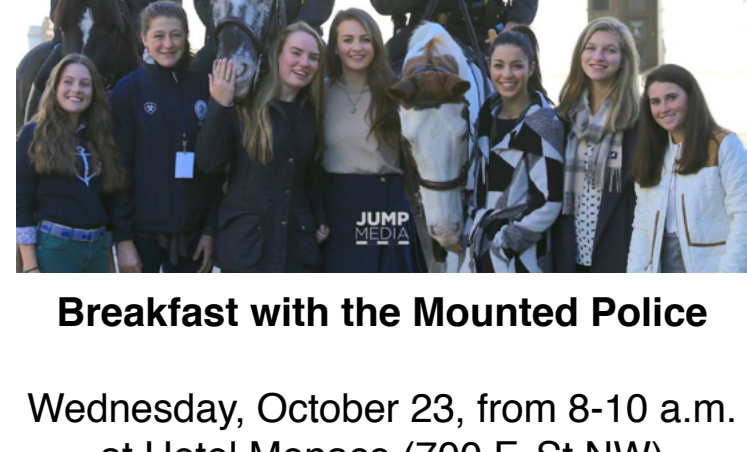
Wednesday's Schedule Highlights

- High Performance Working Hunter Championship
- High Performance Conformation Hunter Championship
- Green Hunter 3'9" Championship
- Green Conformation Hunter Championship
- Green Hunter 3'6" Championship
- Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 35 & Under Championship
- Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" Over 35 Championship
- Grand Champion Amateur-Owner 3'6" Hunter Award Presentation
- Amateur Owner Hunter 3'3" 35 & Under Championship
- Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" Over 35 Championship
- \$10,000 Children's Jumper Championship
- \$10,000 Adult Jumper Championship

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Outside the Ring



Breakfast with the Mounted Police

Wednesday, October 23, from 8-10 a.m. at Hotel Monaco (700 F. St-NW)

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