

# Hunter/Jumper *news*



**Sophie Gochman earned the Maxine Beard Show Jumping Developing Rider Award after being the highest placing U.S. Young Rider in the Individual Show Jumping Final at the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships aboard Carola BH.**

Jean Sheptoff rode her own Verdict to the win in the \$15,000 NEHJA Hunter Derby during the final week of competition. A 178 total score moved them to the top of the leaderboard, giving the Littleton, MA, rider the win. Arrowhead Farms' own Kristin Bumpus, of Concord, MA, rode Barbara Lestage's Diadora to circuit champion in the High Performance Hunter division.

## **GOLD FOR GOCHMAN**

The United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation recently announced this year's recipient of the Maxine Beard Show Jumping Developing Rider Award as Sophie Gochman of New York, NY. Gochman earned the award after being the highest placing United States Young Rider at the 2019 FEI North American Youth Championships in the Individual Show Jumping Final aboard Gochman Sport Horses LLC's Carola BH. The Zone 2 rider earned gold in the event.

## **PASSARELLI ON PONIES**

New York's Caroline Passarelli had success at the 2019 United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Pony Finals in Lexington, KY. In her ninth time at the finals and her last year eligible, Passarelli rode Jessica Zandri's So Charming to champion in the Small Green Pony Hunter division. The Heritage Farm rider also rode Zandri's So Dapper to third in the Large Regular Pony Hunter division.

Fellow New Yorker and Heritage rider Kiersten Antoniadis had great results

the weekend before, winning the inaugural United States Hunter Jumper Association Pony Hunter Derby Championship-East. Riding Winter Tietjen's Pokerface, Antoniadis earned the top scores in the Classic Hunter Round and Handy Hunter Round to win on an overall score of 175.

## **VERMONT VICTORIES**

August at the Vermont Summer Festival, which included the last two weeks of the six-week long event, fared well for New England riders. Jennifer Ritucci, trainer at Saddle Rowe Farm in Medway, MA, claimed the \$5,000 New England Hunter Jumper Association (NEHJA) Hunter Derby with Sophia Carbone's Quidam's Reveal for the second year in a row. With a score of 86 in the

first round and 83.5 in the second round, the duo led from beginning to end to take the victory with an overall score of 169.5.

Amy Shafmaster of Portsmouth, NH, won the \$5,000 North American League Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic with Terrapin Hill Farm, LLC's Basje and a 34.56-second jump-off time. Shafmaster also finished third in the classic aboard her own Dalton de la Fresniere. At the end of the Festival, Shafmaster claimed circuit champion in the Low Junior/Amateur-Owner Jumper division with her own Carlos.

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## **PONY JUMPERS**

A "job well done" goes out to the Zone 1 team that competed in the USEF Pony Jumper Team National Championship at Pony Finals! The team consisted of Lydia Philbrick on Raisin A Ruckus, Katharine Dade on National Treasure, Alexandra Picard on Café Ole, and Kiley Ahn on Rootbeer Float. Together, the riders were just off the podium with a fourth place finish and a total of 27 faults. Individually, Philbrick took seventh and Dade finished tenth. 📧

**Caroline Passarelli rode So Charming to the championship in the Small Green Pony Hunter division at the 2019 United States Equestrian Federation Pony Finals.**



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