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World Equestrian Center Highlights From Ocala Winter Spectacular II and Wilmington Winter V



Will Simpson and Whoop De Doo in their winning presentation with Jennifer Glass of World Equestrian Center; Kristin McCaffrey, Marketing Manager; and Amanda Ganley, Director of Sales Execution at Tri-Eagle Sales. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Will Simpson Earns the Top Prize in the \$75,000 Stella Artois Grand Prix at WEC – Ocala



Will Simpson and Whoop De Doo claimed the win in the \$75,000 Stella Artois Grand Prix. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Will Simpson (USA) and Whoop De Doo, owned by Coxe Horses LLC, topped a 10-horse jump-off to take the win in the \$75,000 Stella Artois Grand Prix, brought to you by Tri-Eagle Sales at World Equestrian Center – Ocala during the Winter Spectacular II show in Ocala, FL, on Saturday, January 15, 2022. Manuel Esparza (MEX) designed two technical tracks for the 39 horse-and-rider combinations entered in the class.

Simpson and the 11-year-old Warmblood mare completed the first course with ease and stopped the timers at 38.795 seconds in the competitive jump-off to earn the victory.

"Everyone from my team has been working so hard, so it's great to pull out a win today," described Simpson. "It's a team effort, and we share a great camaraderie at the barn. I don't know what I would do without them. I am also super proud of Whoopy today. I think she is really starting to come into her own."

Just after Simpson was Rodrigo Pessoa (BRA) and Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC's Major Tom in 40.49 seconds. Pessoa also claimed third place with Artemis Equestrian Farm LLC's Quality FZ in a time of 41.162 seconds.

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Holly Shephard and Tybee Capture the Win in the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby



Holly Shephard and Tybee won the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby. Photo by Andrew Ryback Photography

Holly Shephard piloted Debbie Holland's Tybee to the blue ribbon in the \$20,000 WEC – Ocala 3'6"-3'9" Hunter Derby on Friday, January 14. The 15-year-old Hanoverian gelding impressed the judges with his scopey jump to earn a score of 86 in the first round. Shephard and Tybee were the second to last pair to return for the handy round and earned a score of 90 to top the leaderboard.

"He's one of the best hunters I've ever ridden," explained Shephard. "He really likes jumping bigger jumps, so I am always anxious to jump the high options. Sometimes I wish the jumps were bigger. He doesn't really get to show off too much when they are on the smaller side."

Hillary Johnson rode Copper Fox LLC's Suede to victory in the \$15,000 WEC – Ocala 3' Open Hunter Derby. Dorothy Douglas claimed second place aboard Abigail Davenport's MTM Exceptional.

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Kevin McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS Prove Unbeatable in the \$30,000 World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Grand Prix



Kevin McCarthy and Catch a Star HSS captured the \$30,000 WEC – Wilmington Grand Prix. Photo by Winslow Photography

Kevin McCarthy (IRL) and his own Catch a Star HSS secured their fourth consecutive win in the \$30,000 World Equestrian Center – Wilmington Grand Prix on Saturday, January 15, during the Winter V Show. Anderson Lima (BRA) designed two challenging tracks for the 22 competitors in the class. McCarthy and the 11-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare galloped through the timers at 35.478 seconds to earn the top prize.

"The course was nice, and the jump-off was a lot of fun," described McCarthy. "It was challenging in all of the right ways. My horse performed well but we had to stay on top of our 'A' game because there were many good riders trailing us."

This week's Welcome Stake winners, Paul Halpern and Esra, owned by Vanessa Lee, claimed second place with a time of 35.478 seconds. Katia Manuel-Adams piloted her own ERP Van www.Olland.biz to third place honors.

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Melissa Donnelly and Corlando 49 Win the \$5,000 WEC – Wilmington Open Hunter Derby



Melissa Donnelly and Corlando 49 won the \$5,000 WEC – Wilmington Open Hunter Derby. Photo by Winslow Photography

Melissa Donnelly and Elizabeth Becker's Corlando 49 bested a field of 13 entries to take top honors in the \$5,000 WEC – Wilmington 3' Open Hunter Derby on Friday, January 14. Donnelly and the 16-year-old Holsteiner navigated the first round with ease to earn a score of 89. The pair did not disappoint in the handy round and scored a 91 for a total score of 180. Donnelly claimed the top three ribbons in the class, earning second place on Addison Mae King's Juan Colorado and third place with Breathless, owned by Sarah Barnes.

"The course was lovely, and the long bending lines suited the young horses well," explained Donnelly. "The challenges were probably the short turns in the corners, which were trickier for a couple of them. Overall, it was great, and Cory (Corlando 49) was on his 'A' game!"

Hannah Eddlemon rode Addison Mae King's Donatello to first place in the \$5,000 WEC – Wilmington 3' Non-Pro Hunter Derby.

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Winter Circuit News

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- [A Sudden Impulse Boutique](#) features WEC-branded merchandise and anything else you need for horse and rider at both WEC – Wilmington and WEC – Ocala locations. The store at WEC – Wilmington has moved into a beautiful new area and welcomes everyone to shop daily specials to celebrate. Customization services are available for monogrammed stable curtains, apparel and more.

Book Your RV Lodging at World Equestrian Center – Ocala

- World Equestrian Center – Ocala is offering a special RV circuit rate for the Winter Series.
- The rate will be \$50 per night.
- A total of 75 nights must be booked in order to receive the RV circuit rate.
- Reserve your RV spot [here](#).

Secure Your VIP Viewing Spot Now at World Equestrian Center – Ocala

- Enjoy the Saturday night Grands Prix events during the 2022 Winter Spectacular Show Series from the terrace of The Equestrian Hotel.
- The 2022 Winter Spectacular Show Series will be held through March 27. The VIP viewing and dining experience will include a three-course Chef's dinner, along with complimentary beer and wine, courtesy of Stirrups Restaurant.
- Click below to purchase your 2022 Saturday Night Grand Prix Circuit Table.

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Upcoming Events

World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2022 Winter Spectacular Shows

Winter Spectacular III: January 19-23

Winter Spectacular IV: January 26-30

Winter Spectacular V: February 2-6

Winter Spectacular VI: February 9-13

Winter Spectacular VII: February 16-20

Winter Spectacular VIII: February 23-27

Winter Spectacular IX: March 2-6

Winter Spectacular X: March 9-13

Winter Spectacular XI: March 16-20

Winter Spectacular XII: March 23-27

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

2022 USEF Show Dates* – USEF Premier/Level IV

WEC Winter VII: January 26-30

WEC Winter VIII: February 2-6

WEC Winter IX: February 9-13

WEC Winter XI: February 23-27

*See USEF prize list.

2022 NSBA Show Dates

WEC Winter VI: January 19-23

WEC Winter X: February 16-20

WEC Winter XII: March 2-6

WEC Winter XIII: March 9-13

WEC Winter XIV: March 16-20

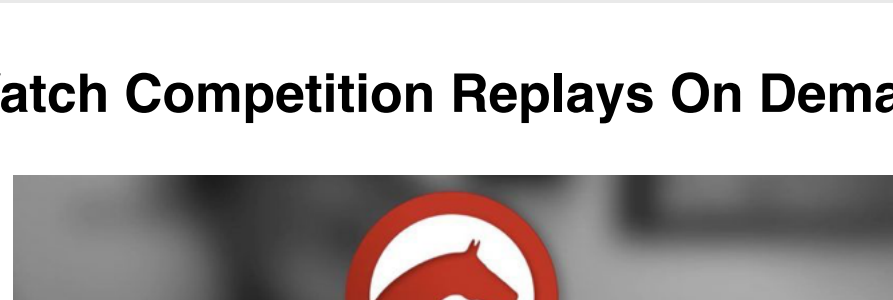
WEC Winter XV: March 23-27

WEC Winter XVI: March 30-April 3

WEC Winter XVII: April 6-10

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Dedicated to offering great sport and fun in a family-friendly environment, World Equestrian Center promises an unparalleled experience for exhibitors, spectators, vendors, sponsors and retailers built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction.

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