



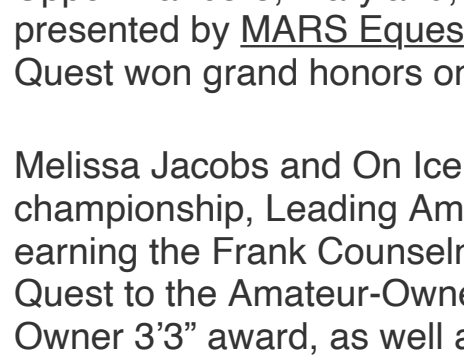
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## JACOBS AND DANHAKL HAVE GRAND PERFORMANCES IN AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER DIVISIONS

October 26, 2022 – Upper Marlboro, MD – Amateur-Owner hunters took center stage on Wednesday, October 26, in the Show Place Arena at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on day three of the 2022 Washington International Horse Show, presented by **MARS Equestrian™**. Melissa Jacobs riding On Ice and Stephanie Danhaki on Quest won grand honors on their final day of competition.

Melissa Jacobs and On Ice jumped to the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 3'6" division championship, Leading Amateur-Owner honors, and overall Grand Amateur-Owner 3'6" title, earning the Frank Counselman Memorial Trophy. In similar fashion, Stephanie Danhaki rode Quest to the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 3'3" division championship, the Leading Amateur-Owner 3'3" award, as well as the Grand Amateur-Owner 3'3" championship, and was presented with the Bucky Reynolds Memorial Perpetual Trophy, sponsored by Ernest and Betty Oare.



Melissa Jacobs and On Ice in their trophy presentation with ringmaster Steve Rector, WIHS President Vicki Lowell, trainers David Belford and Christopher Payne, and groom Lino Rios. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.*

Jacobs, of Buffalo, New York, purchased On Ice after trainers Chris Payne and David Belford of New Hope Farm LLC in Batavia, Ohio, discovered the nine-year-old Warmblood stallion by Legion in Europe just over a year ago. At the time he was competing in the jumper ring, but Payne and Belford saw his potential to become a top hunter.

"He was definitely a little bit jumpery for a while, but he's picked up on the hunters very quickly," noted Jacobs. "He's just very game to do whatever we want, so he's great to work with."



Melissa Jacobs and On Ice. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.*

"He is the best thing that has ever happened to me," continued Jacobs of her horse who goes by "Noble" in the barn. "He's just perfect for me. He's beautiful, and as long as I do my homework and put him in the right spot, he always gives me a fantastic jump. I love him so much."

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Stephanie Danhaki, of Pacific Palisades, California, has had her horse Quest for nine years, competing consistently in the Amateur-Owner 3'3" division. Danhaki suspects the key to their many years of success together is Quest's enthusiasm and ease in his job, but of all their triumphs, a WIHS championship title has been just out of reach.

"He's a small horse with a big heart," said Danhaki of the 15-year-old KWPN gelding by Verdi. "He always tries his hardest and has a lot of spunk. I've been competing him at this show the past several years, and this is the first time we've been champion, so I'm really excited."



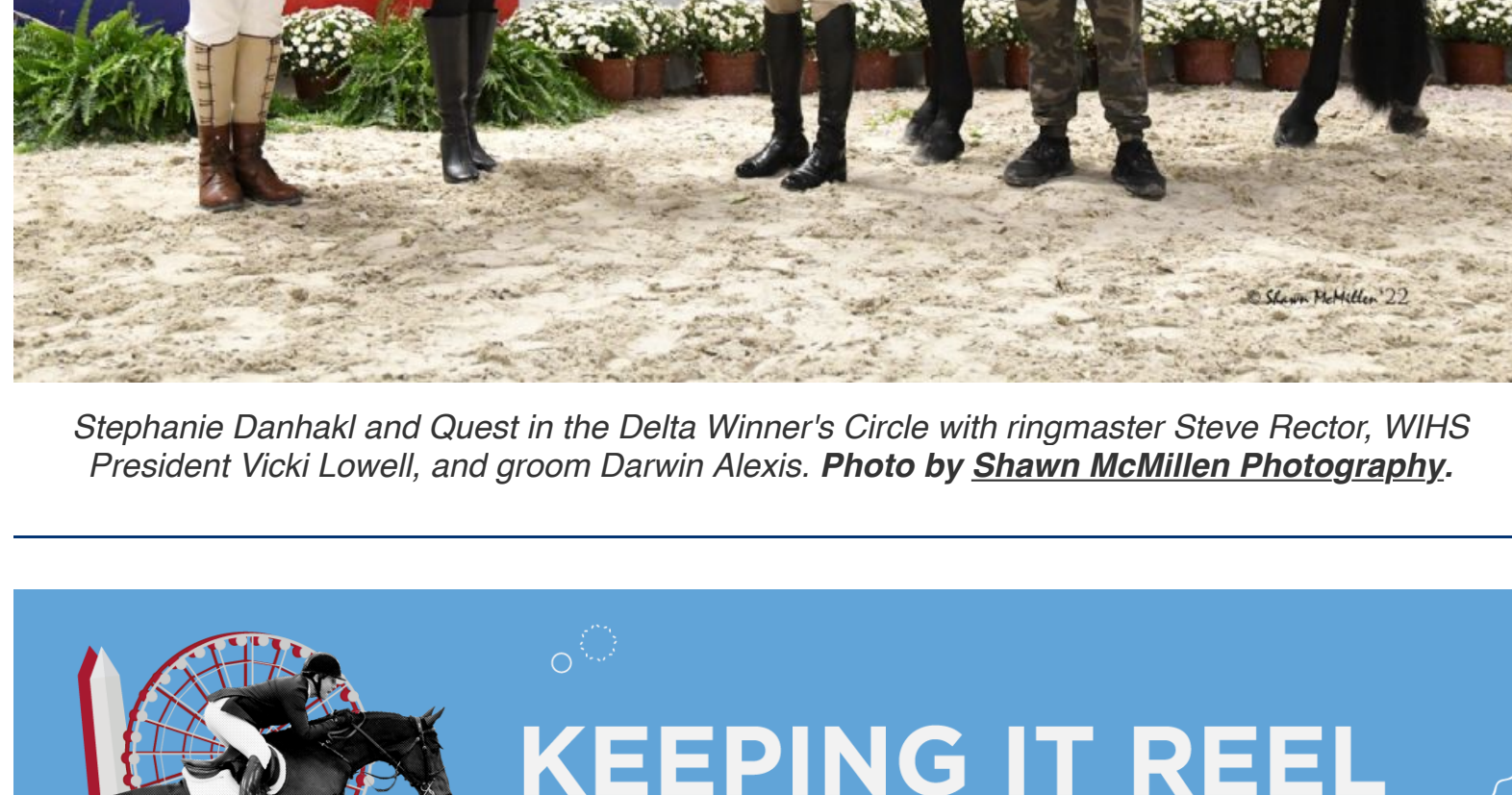
Quest and Stephanie Danhaki won the Grand Amateur-Owner 3'3" Championship. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.*

Even though the WIHS championship presentation might not be familiar to Quest, he was certainly in his element, soaking in all the attention.

"He never gets tired of showing," shared Danhaki. "He really loves it. He loves the spotlight, and he definitely loves the recognition and loves to have a blue ribbon on his bridle."

Similar to Jacobs, Danhaki and Quest had a less than perfect performance on the first day of the division, not quite earning the scores over fences Danhaki knows they can. However, also like Jacobs, Danhaki was able to show off Quest's beautiful gaits in the under saddle class for a first-place finish there.

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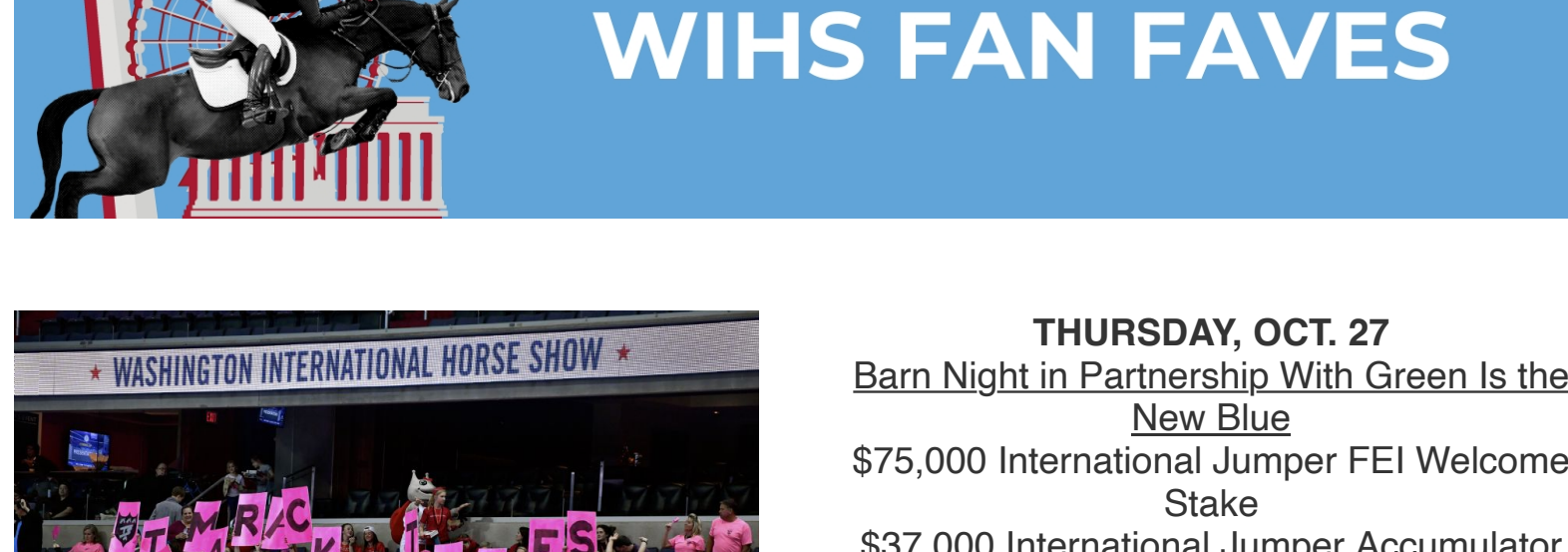


Stephanie Danhaki and Quest in the Delta Winner's Circle with ringmaster Steve Rector, WIHS President Vicki Lowell, and groom Darwin Alexis. *Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.*



*Here from grand champion Melissa Jacobs.*

*Learn more about grand champion Stephanie Danhaki.*



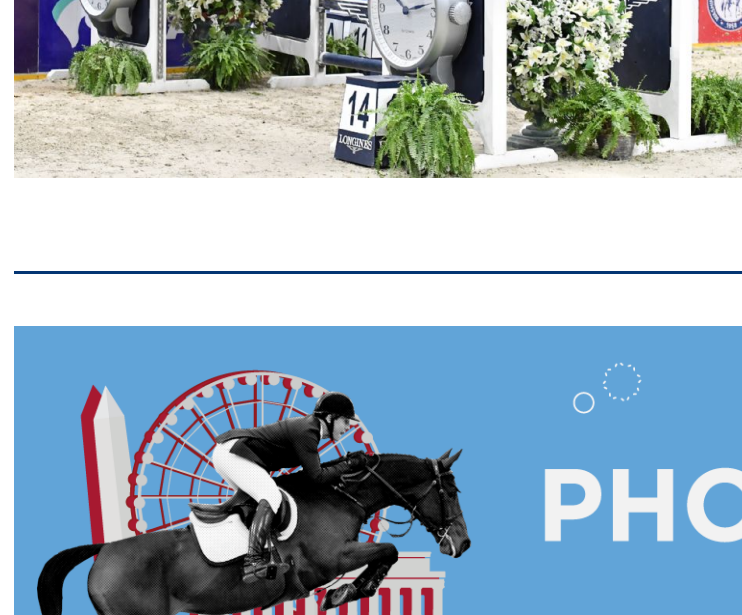
**THURSDAY, OCT. 27**  
Barn Night in Partnership With Green Is the New Blue  
\$75,000 International Jumper FEI Welcome Stake  
\$37,000 International Jumper Accumulator Costume Class  
"Gallop Green" Barn Night



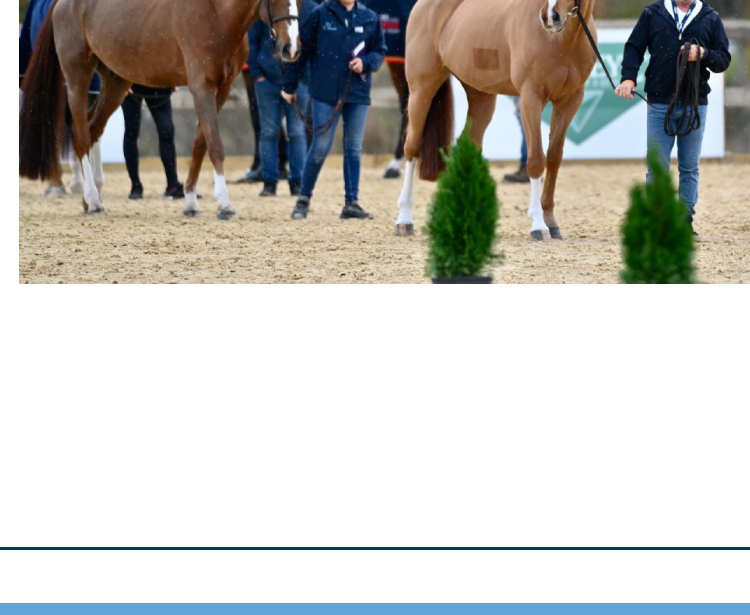
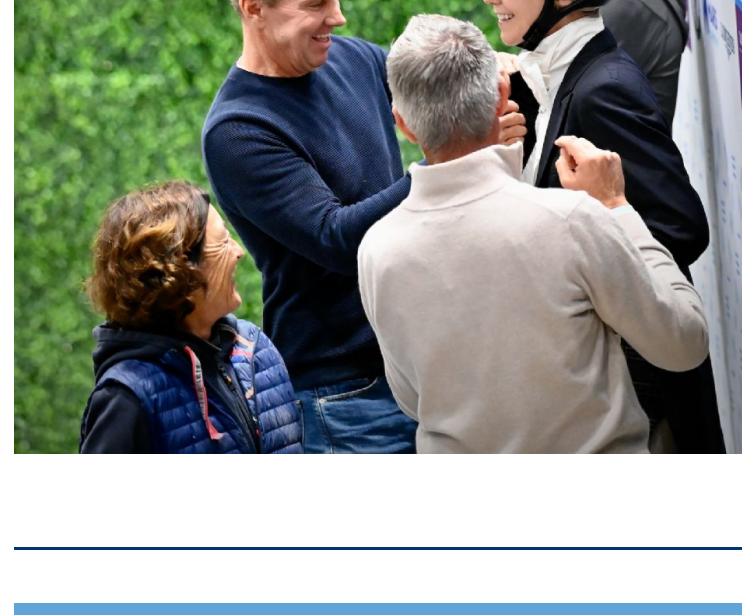
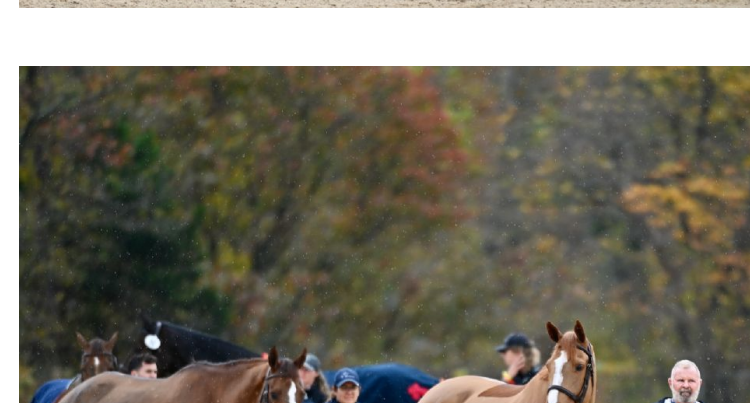
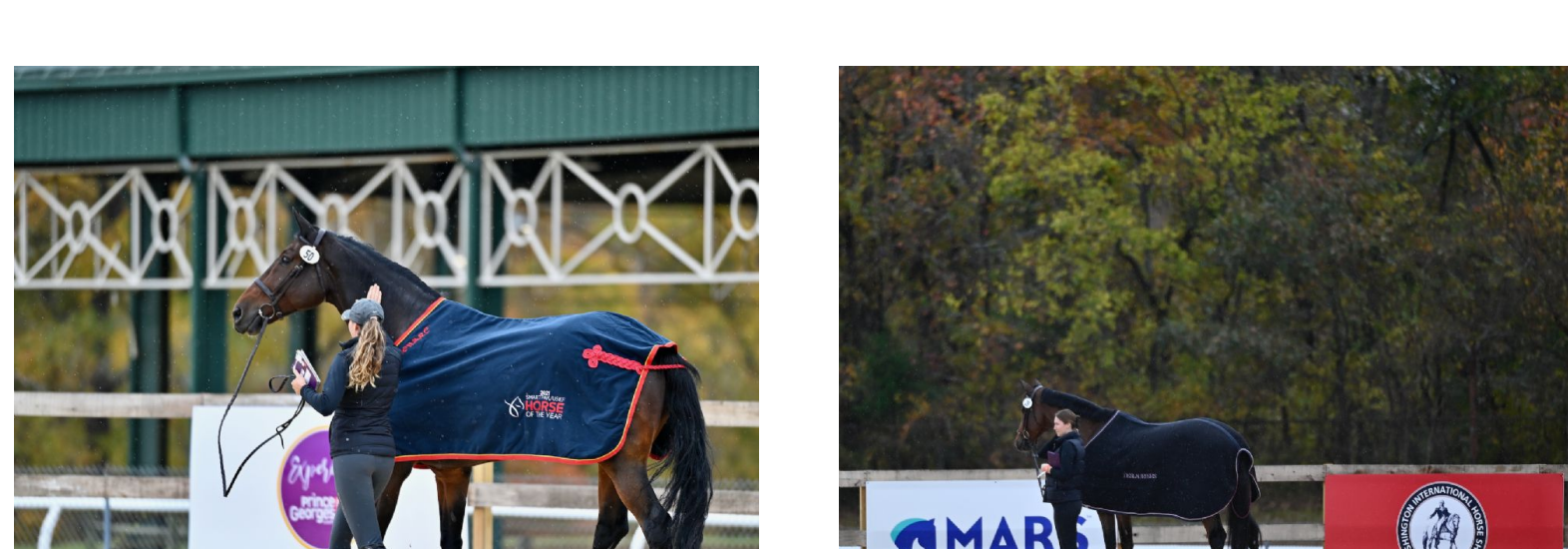
**FRIDAY, OCT. 28**  
Military Night, presented by Boeing  
\$75,000 International Jumper FEI Speed Final  
Dressage Exhibition by Battlefield Angel HP AKA "Ezra"  
Jack Russell Terrier Racing  
\$25,000 Defender Puissance



**SATURDAY, OCT. 29**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Kids' Day, presented by Delta  
Free admission  
Pony rides, grooming station, horseless horse show, pony kissing booth, and more!



**SATURDAY, OCT. 29**  
World Cup Night  
WIHS Equitation Championship  
WIHS Shetland Pony Steeplechase Championship Series  
\$406,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington CSI5\*-W for the President's Cup presented by Experience Prince George's



The Second Annual Hollow Brook Sportsmanship Award will recognize a junior rider who best personifies the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, honor, kindness, and generosity during the 2022 Washington International Horse Show. The top five junior riders nominated will be in contention to receive this award with stewards and horse show officials making the final decision in awarding the winner.

Nominate Riders

### WIHS 2022 Tickets and Hospitality:

- WIHS ticket information available here: <https://wihs.org/tickets/>
- Daytime admission is free for children 12 and under
- Adults: Daytime admission is \$5 on Thursday, and \$10 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- WIHS Military Night, Friday, Oct. 28: Special pricing for military with ID (up to four tickets per ID). Available at the box office only. Save \$20 (adults) and \$15 (children) for select seats closest to the action, while supplies last. WIHS respectfully requests all serving military members wear appropriate uniform to the Friday night event.
- Daytime events for military members: Members of the military will receive four free tickets with military ID for any daytime event (Monday-Sunday, Oct. 24-30)
- Tables seating eight on VIP Platform available here: <https://wihs.org/vip-tables/>
- ETHOS Award Champagne Reception will honor the contributions of African Americans to the horse world. Buy tickets here: <https://wihs.org/ethosaward/>

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Established in 1958, the Washington International Horse Show is one of North America's most prestigious, competitive, and entertaining equestrian events with competition for international, professional, amateur, junior, and child riders. Highlights include the \$406,000 Longines FEI Jumping World Cup™ Washington for the President's Cup presented by Experience Prince George's, and the WIHS Equitation Finals and Children's and Adult Hunter and Jumper Championships, plus popular community and charity events, including Kids' Day and Barn Night. WIHS, an official USEF Heritage Competition, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. For more information, visit [wihs.org](http://wihs.org).

