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## Professional Hunter Champions Crowned As Competition at the 2023 Capital Challenge Horse Show Heats Up

Competition during the 30th anniversary of the Capital Challenge Horse Show at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, continued on Tuesday, October 3, with 15 champions awarded in the professional divisions.

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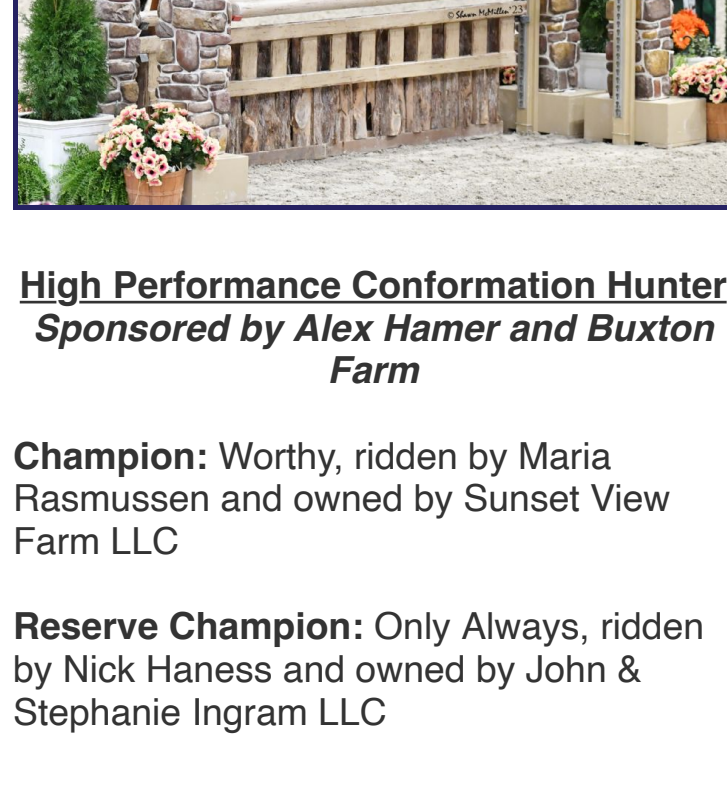
**Green Hunter 3'6" Section A**  
Sponsored by Peter Pletcher and PJP Farm

**Champion:** Amazing Grace, ridden by John French and owned by Eva Mackenzie  
**Reserve Champion:** Day Won, ridden by Liza Boyd and owned by Mary Caroline Nolan



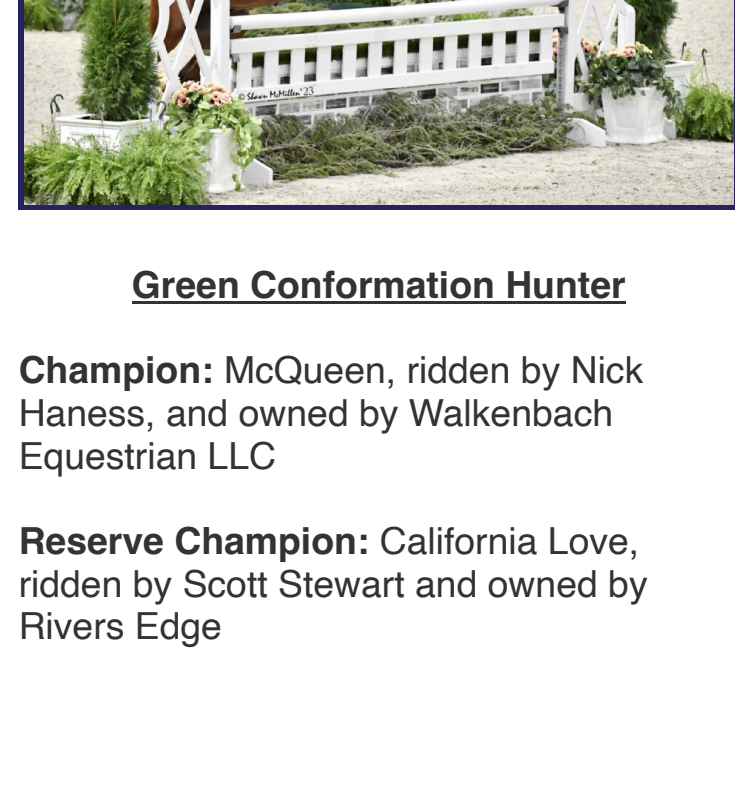
**Green Hunter 3'6" Section B**  
Sponsored by Lee Sadrian and the Kellogg Family

**Champion:** Pavlova, ridden by Nick Haness and owned by John & Stephanie Ingram LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Kalvarie, ridden by Holly Orlando and owned by The Kalvarie Group



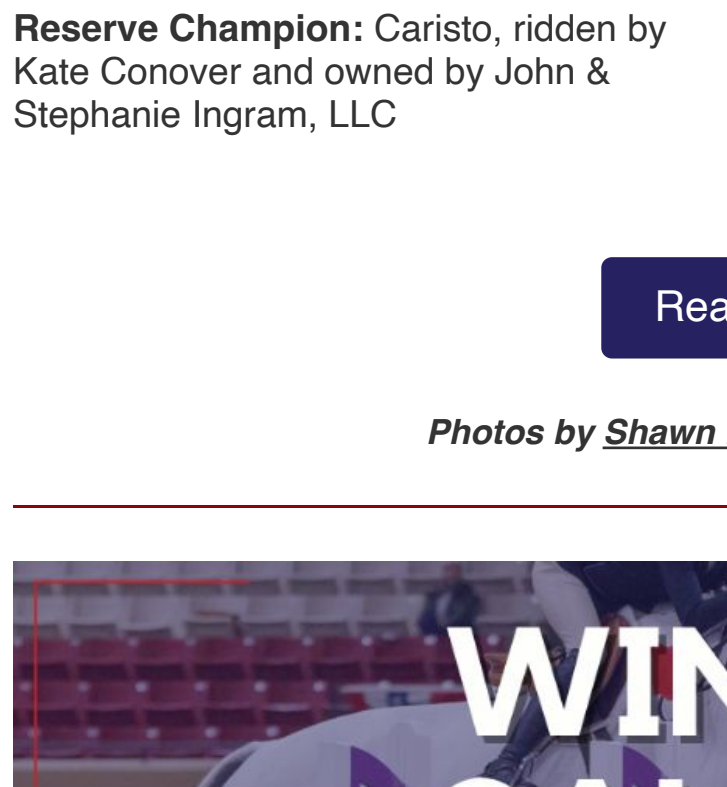
**Green Hunter 3'9"**  
Sponsored by Linnie Lipson

**Champion:** Drumroll, ridden by Geoffrey Hesslink and owned by Meridian Farm LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Jordan, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Sophie Gochman



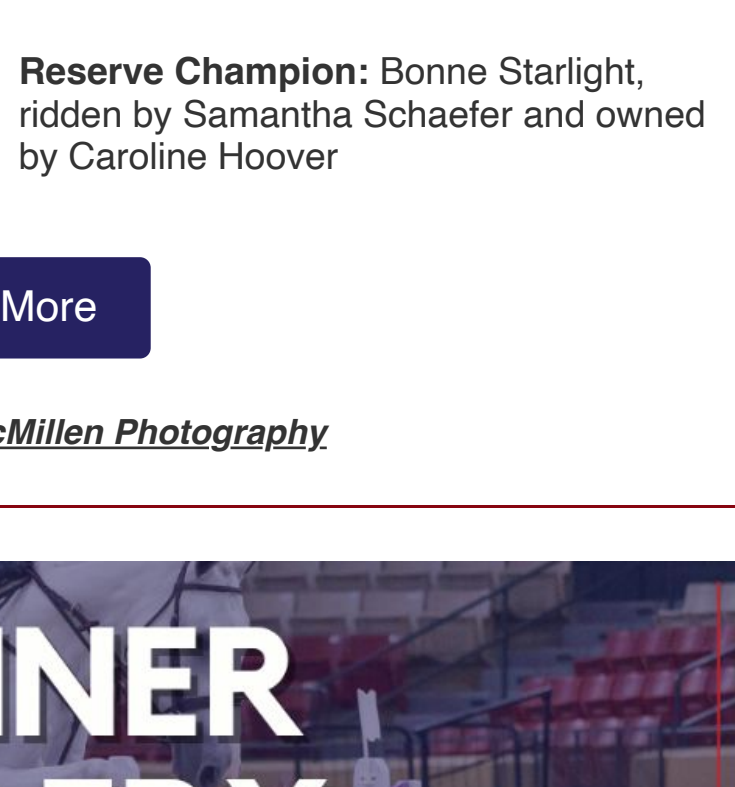
**High Performance Hunter**  
Sponsored by Windsor Stables, Michael Britt-Leon, and Kelly Sims

**Champion:** Estimated Prophet, ridden by Nick Haness and owned by Roaring Fork Farms LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Cannon Creek, ridden by Hunt Tosh and owned by the Wheeler Family



**High Performance Conformation Hunter**  
Sponsored by Alex Hamer and Buxton Farm

**Champion:** Worthy, ridden by Maria Rasmussen and owned by Sunset View Farm LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Only Always, ridden by Nick Haness and owned by John & Stephanie Ingram LLC



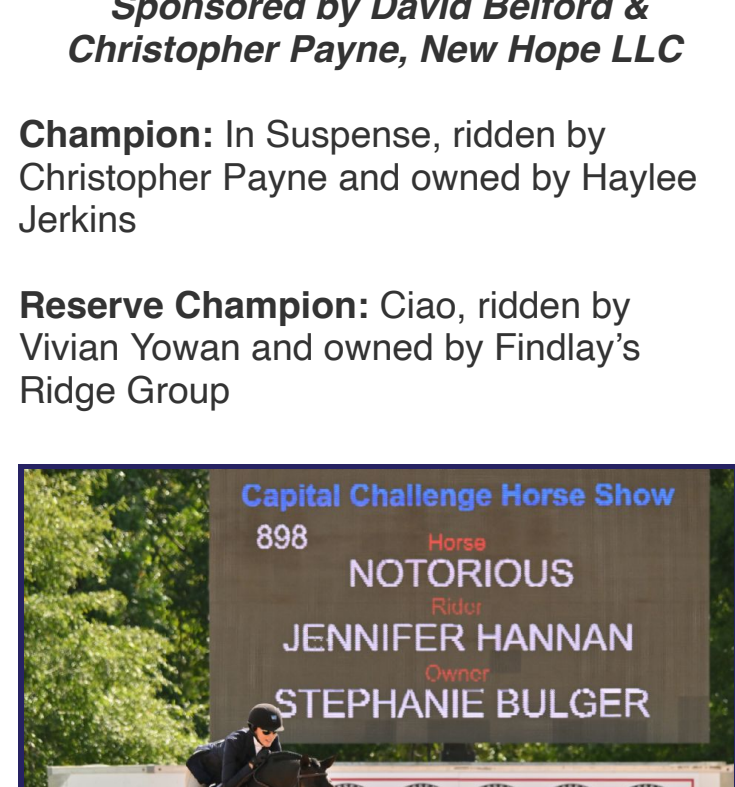
**Green Conformation Hunter**

**Champion:** McQueen, ridden by Nick Haness, and owned by Walkenbach Equestrian LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** California Love, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Rivers Edge



**Performance Hunter 3'6"**

**Champion:** Knowingly, ridden and owned by Vivian Yowan  
**Reserve Champion:** Caristo, ridden by Kate Conover and owned by John & Stephanie Ingram, LLC



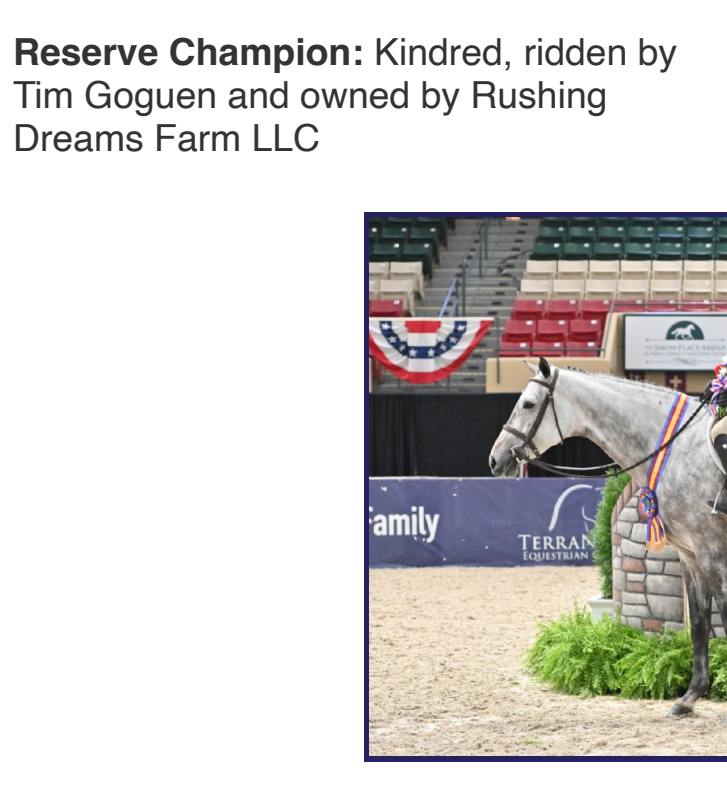
**Performance Hunter 3'6"**

**Champion:** Queen Celeste, ridden by Nick Haness and owned by Glade Run Farm LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Bonne Starlight, ridden by Samantha Schaefer and owned by Caroline Hoover

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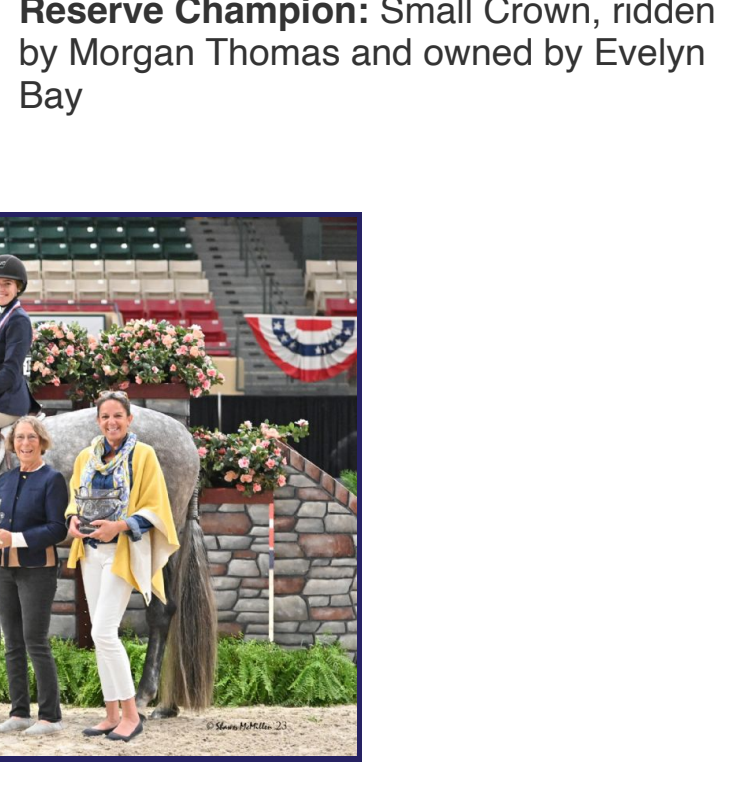
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## WINNER GALLERY



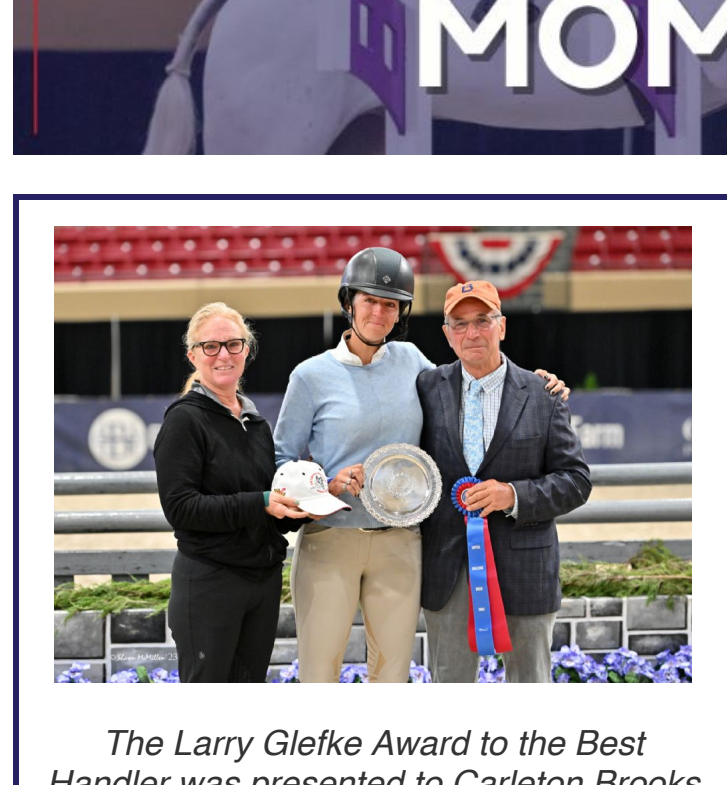
**Green Hunter 3' Colts & Geldings**  
Sponsored by Boggs Hill/Mr. & Mrs. Tim Goguen

**Champion:** Sandori, ridden by Jennifer Hannan and owned by Shaw Johnson Price  
**Reserve Champion:** Forsini, ridden by Kate Schatt and owned by Hannah Toohy



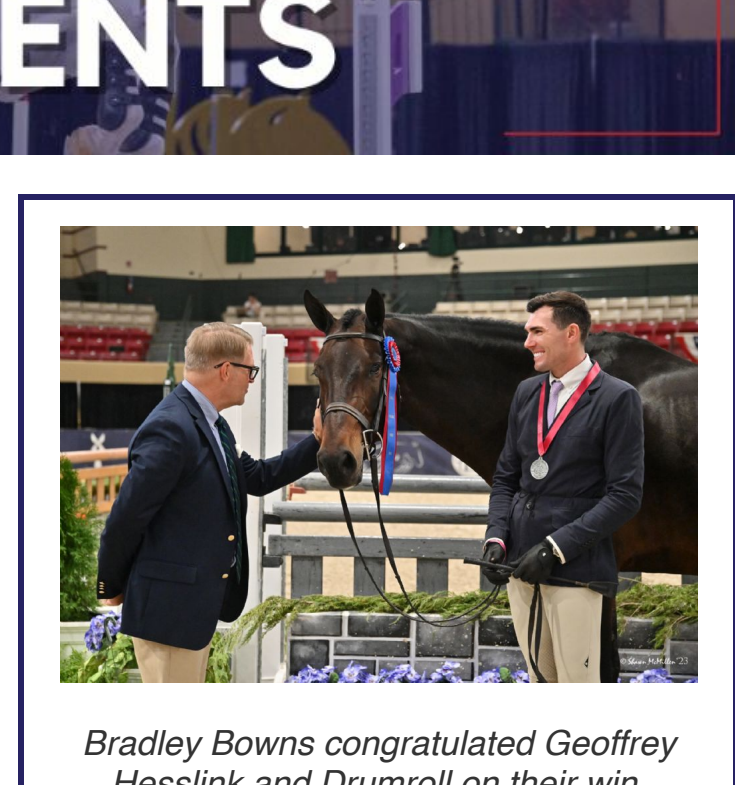
**Green Hunter 3' 7 & Over**  
Sponsored by David Belford & Christopher Payne, New Hope LLC

**Champion:** In Suspense, ridden by Christopher Payne and owned by Haylee Jerkins  
**Reserve Champion:** Ciao, ridden by Vivian Yowan and owned by Findlay's Ridge Group



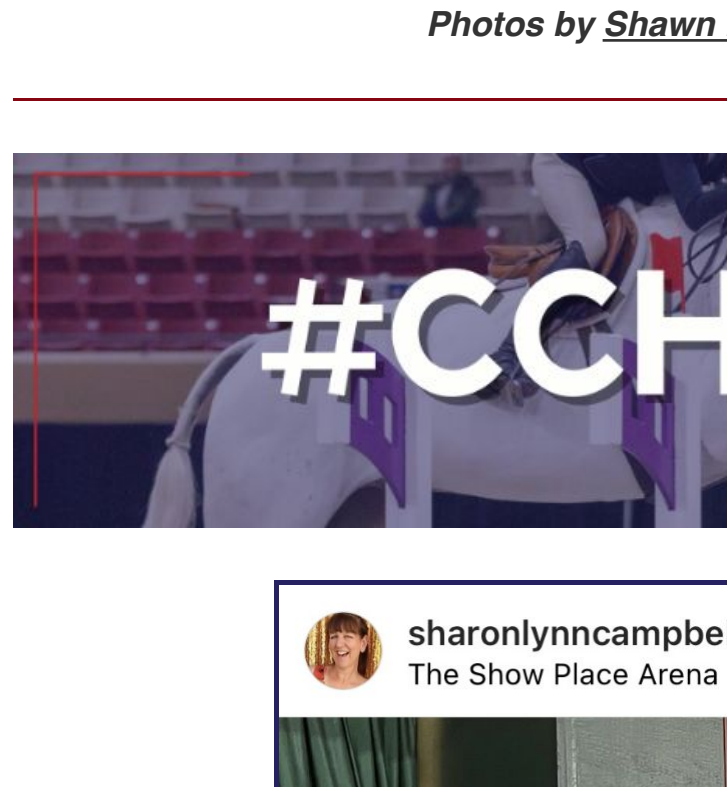
**Green Hunter 3' 6 & Under**  
Sponsored by Jennifer & Roger Smith

**Champion:** Monarchy, ridden by Geoffrey Hesslink and owned by Shadowfax Equestrian LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Milo, ridden by Kate Conover and owned by Alexander Hamer



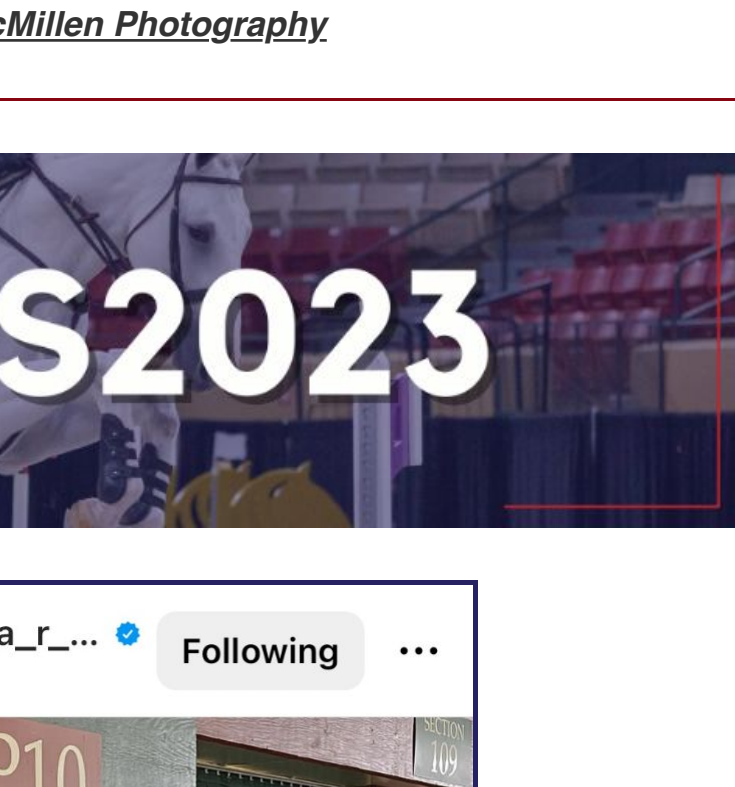
**Green Hunter Mares 3'&3'3"**

**Champion:** Notorious, ridden by Jennifer Hannan and owned by Stephanie Bulger  
**Reserve Champion:** Tangelina, ridden by Amanda Steege and owned by Cara Garito



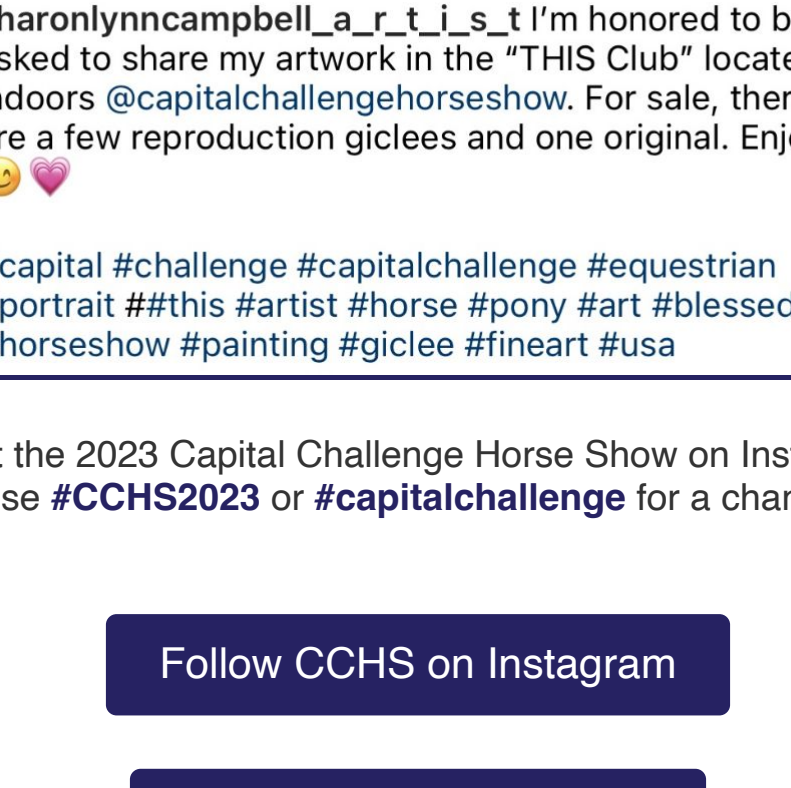
**Green Hunter 3'3" Section A**  
Sponsored by Hunt Tosh, Inc.

**Champion:** Showman, ridden by Christopher Payne and owned by Stephanie Ring  
**Reserve Champion:** Kindred, ridden by Tim Goguen and owned by Rushing Dreams Farm LLC



**Green Hunter 3'3" Section B**  
Sponsored by Hunt Tosh, Inc.

**Champion:** Frosted, ridden by Jennifer Hannan and owned by Rindy Dominguez  
**Reserve Champion:** Small Crown, ridden by Morgan Thomas and owned by Evelyn Bay



**Professional World Champion Hunter Under Saddle**  
Sponsored by Arcadia Farm

**Champion:** Fontainebleu, ridden by Meghan Knapic and owned by First Blue LLC  
**Reserve Champion:** Ciao, ridden by Vivian Yowan and owned by Findlay's Ridge Group

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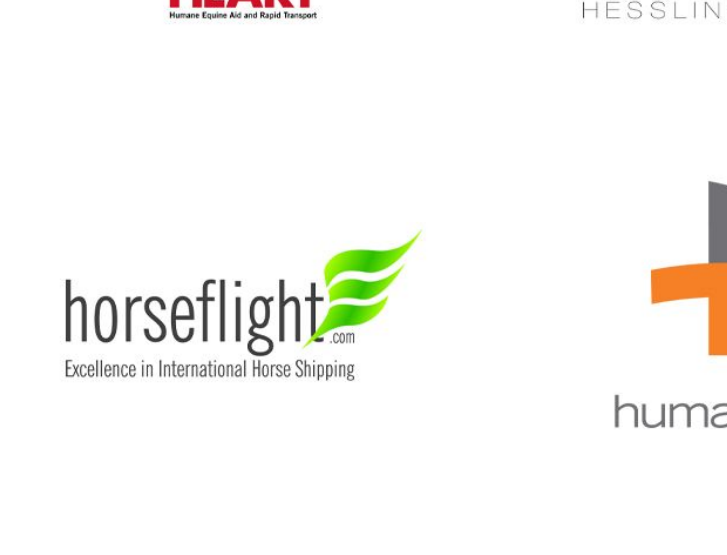
## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



The Larry Glefke Award to the Best Handler was presented to Carleton Brooks by Rachel Kennedy and Erica Quinn.



Bradley Bowns congratulated Geoffrey Hesslink and Drumroll on their win.



Jennifer Hannan was all smiles after her winning ride aboard Frosted.



Casalluno received big praise after great performances in the Green Hunter 3'3" Section A with Leslie Steele.

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### About the Capital Challenge Horse Show

The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. The 2023 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 28-October 8. The 11 days of competition will 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.

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