

2023 CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW—Upper Marlboro, MD

The 30th anniversary of the Capital Challenge Horse Show took place from September 28–October 8, 2023, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The event showcased four days of equitation during Equitation Weekend, presented by BIGEQ.com, followed by top hunter and jumper classes taking the spotlight with finals and World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) competition. The highlight event of the week was the \$25,000 WCHR Professional Finals, sponsored by The Rein Family, where **Kate Conover** claimed top honors.



1. Ariana Marnell, Ocean Road and **Babylon** catching up on the latest issue of *Sidelines* after taking home champion and reserve titles in the Small Junior Hunter 16-17 division, with Babylon also winning Grand Junior Hunter 3'6" Champion honors. **2. Hailey Guidry** and **Byzance Mail** put the pedal to the metal to win the \$10,000 NAL Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Final, presented by R & R Hunter Horses. **3. Taylor Cawley** and **Olivia Sweetnam** celebrating after earning champion and reserve champion in the 13- & 14-Year-Old Equitation division. **4. Katherine Simonds** and **Crowd Pleaser** dominated in the Junior Hunter 3'3" 16-17 division to secure the Grand Junior Hunter 3'3" Championship title, sponsored by Aubrey Hill Equestrian. **5. Grace Shipman** and **Calamanzo** proved unbeatable in the EMO Insurance/USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final – East. **6. John French** and **Babylon** were all smiles after winning the \$25,000 WCHR Professional Challenge, sponsored by The Gochman Family, for the third year in a row. **7. Kate Conover** made her dreams come true by winning the \$25,000 WCHR Professional Finals, sponsored by The Rein Family. **8. Halie Robinson** piloted **Leisure** to victory in the \$10,000 WCHR Developing Pro Challenge, sponsored by the John R. Ingram Fund. **9. Currie Cooper** rode **Paris Charm** to the Grand Pony Hunter Championship honors, sponsored by Pegasus Show Stable and The Endicott Family. **10. Faith Schuttemeyer** and **Blackjack** in their victory gallop after winning the THIS National Children's Medal Finals. *Photos by Jump Media*