



## World Equestrian Center Highlights

### Wilmington Winter Classic XVIII



Show jumping action of the 2024 Winter in the Midwest Series at World Equestrian Center – Wilmington (WEC) concluded with a thrilling 11-horse jump-off in the \$30,000 [Standlee](#) Grand Prix that put Sam Pegg (CAN) and Gin Tonic 158 back where they started at the beginning of the Winter Classic 18 – on top.

“Gin Tonic is naturally really quick when he lands. I got a really good turn after the first line. I got up there in eight and turned around really quick. After the next line I went back inside to the next jump. I thought he turned in and caught a good one across the oxer and really shot into the turn with a good amount of footspeed. I did six down the last line, and it was enough.”

*Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)*

**Watch the Winning Jump-Off Round for Sam Pegg and Gin Tonic 158 in the \$30,000 Standlee Grand Prix**



Hillary Johnson captured the win with Elliot in the final \$15,000 USHJA National Open Hunter Derby of the 2024 Winter in the Midwest Series in WEC – Wilmington.

“This was my very first Hunt and Go. I have heard of it quite often, but I have never gotten to do one. Honestly, it was so fun! As big as the show is, it was nice to make our day a little shorter. “I was happy with it. I thought it was fun and a nice change.”

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The \$10,000 [Horse Vans LLC](#) Futures Prix kicked off the final Saturday of show jumping at the 2024 Winter in the Midwest Series with Luke Rinehart (USA) and Captain America 10 besting a field of 25 horse-and-athlete combinations.

“It was definitely a confidence boost. He is jumping the best he ever has. He kicked into a different gear last week. We decided to move down into class this week, and we will keep going through Kentucky and the May shows here. Hopefully we will get the grand prix win soon.”

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## World Equestrian Center Winners



Canada’s Sarah Long secured her place on top of the podium with Retroflex in the final \$10,000 [Kinetic Vet](#) Welcome Stake in Wilmington. *Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)*



Milagros De Jong earned her first hunter derby win with her own Grandslam ES in the \$15,000 USHJA National Non-Pro Hunter Derby in Wilmington. *Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)*

## Memorable Moments From World Equestrian Center

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## Sunday Spotlight



Mara Kranz and Wheeler. *Photo by [Winslow Photography](#)*

The final Wilmington Sunday Spotlight of the winter circuit shines on Mara Kranz of Algonquin, IL. Kranz has been alongside trainer Kim Gardiner at Perfecta Farm for 23 years, beginning in her junior years until turning professional at the age of 18. Kranz was ringside in Wilmington throughout the 2024 Winter in the Midwest Series with her students and top mount, Wheeler, in the open jumper classes. We caught up with Kranz to learn more about her background and her special gelding.

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### World Equestrian Center – Ocala

#### [2024 Summer Series Dates](#)

Summer Series I CSI2\*: June 11-16  
Summer Series II CSI3\*: June 18-23  
Summer Series III CSI4\*/2\*: June 25-30  
Summer Series IV: July 2-7  
Summer Series V: July 10-14  
Summer Series VI: July 17-21  
Summer Series VII: July 24-28  
Summer Series VIII: July 31-August 4  
Summer Series IX: August 7-11

### World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

#### [2024 Spring/Summer Series Dates](#)

Spring 1: May 22-26  
Spring 2: May 29-June 2  
Summer 1: July 10-14  
Summer 2: July 17-21  
Summer 3: August 7-11

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