

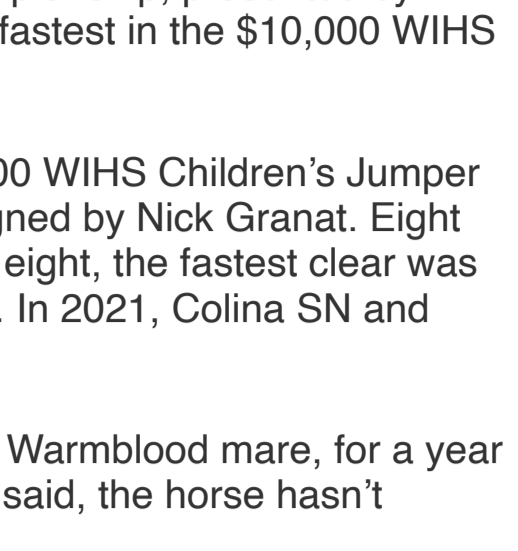
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Wednesday, October 23

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MERCER AND COYLE SPEED TO JUMPER WINS

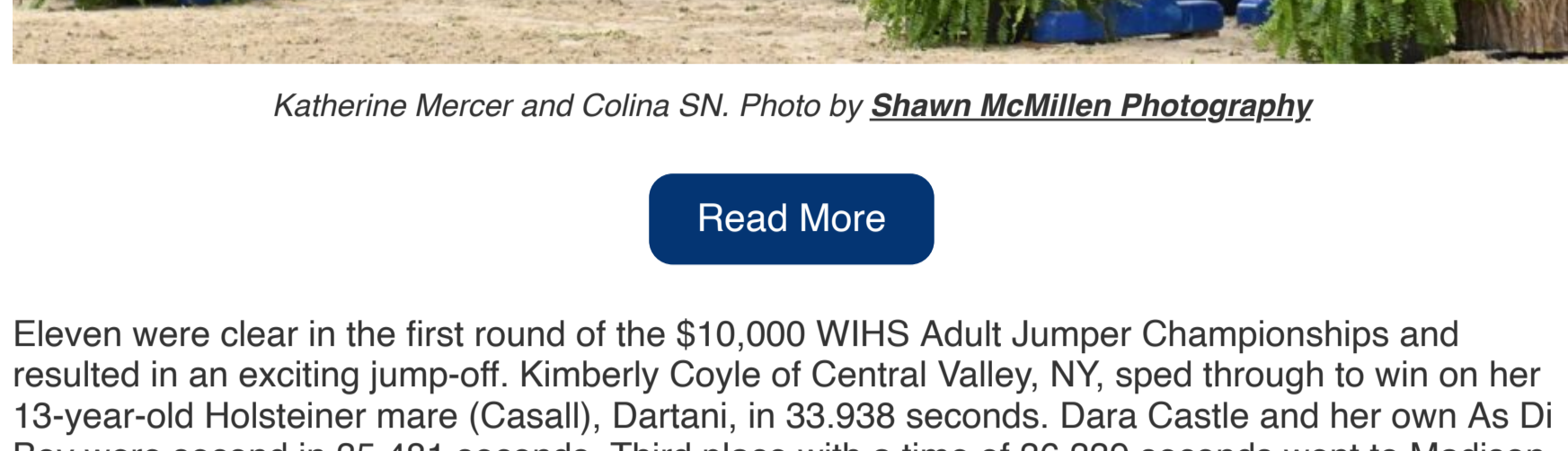


Competition on Wednesday, October 23, continued with a full schedule for hunters and jumpers at the 2024 Washington International Horse Show, presented by MARS Equestrian™ at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD. In the evening Katherine Mercer piloted Colina SN, owned by Taylor Landstrom, to the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Jumper Championship, presented by MARS Equestrian, while Kimberly Coyle and her own Dartani were fastest in the \$10,000 WIHS Adult Jumper Championship, presented by MARS Equestrian.

Twenty-two horse-and-rider combinations went to post in the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Jumper Championship, presented by MARS Equestrian over a course designed by Nick Granat. Eight found the key to a clear round and returned for a jump-off. Of those eight, the fastest clear was Katherine Mercer riding Colina SN, who finished in 34.771 seconds. In 2021, Colina SN and owner Landstrom won the same class.

Mercer, of Wellington, FL, has been riding Colina SN, a 14-year-old Warmblood mare, for a year since she first tried Colina a year ago at WIHS. In that time, Mercer said, the horse hasn't changed but Mercer's understanding of her has.

"When I got her, I thought she was just disorganized and I couldn't see a distance," she explained. "It was not very pretty, but now I understand her, and I understand that I have to calm down so she can calm down and it all just comes together. If you flat her properly then the jumping part is really easy."



Katherine Mercer and Colina SN. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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Eleven were clear in the first round of the \$10,000 WIHS Adult Jumper Championships and resulted in an exciting jump-off. Kimberly Coyle of Central Valley, NY, sped through to win on her 13-year-old Holsteiner mare (Casall), Dartani, in 33.938 seconds. Dara Castle and her own As Di Boy were second in 35.481 seconds. Third place with a time of 36.339 seconds went to Madison Jaronski and her own Catoki's Clever.

Coyle has made this class at WIHS a major goal over the years, and this was the third time riding in it with Dartani. "Third time's a charm," she laughed. "We've had tough luck in this class in the past, so this year I wanted to have fun and just go with it. I have a great horse, and she wants to do the right thing if I can just guide her, stay out of her way, and let her take me, we can do it."

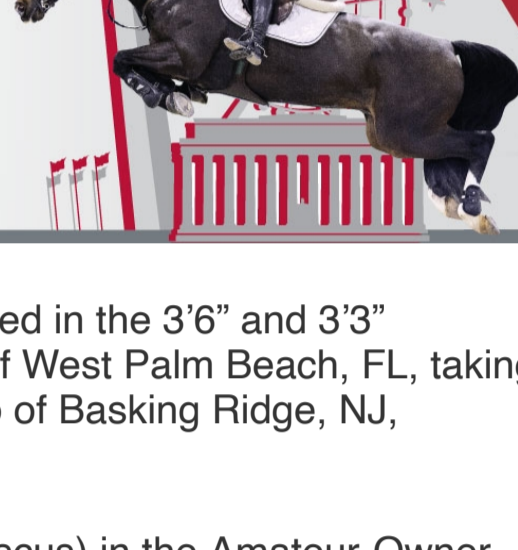
As last to go in the jump-off, Coyle knew she had to do something extra to set the winning time. "I made up time going to the first jump and hit the gas once I saw the timer," she recalled. "I kept going through the turn and rolled back tight to the skinny. She hit the out of the combination, but it stayed up luckily. I heard my husband say, 'Go!' and I knew it stayed up, so I just went flat out to the last."



Kimberly Coyle and Dartani. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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GOCHMAN AND SIGNORINO ARE GRAND IN AMATEUR-OWNER HUNTER DIVISIONS

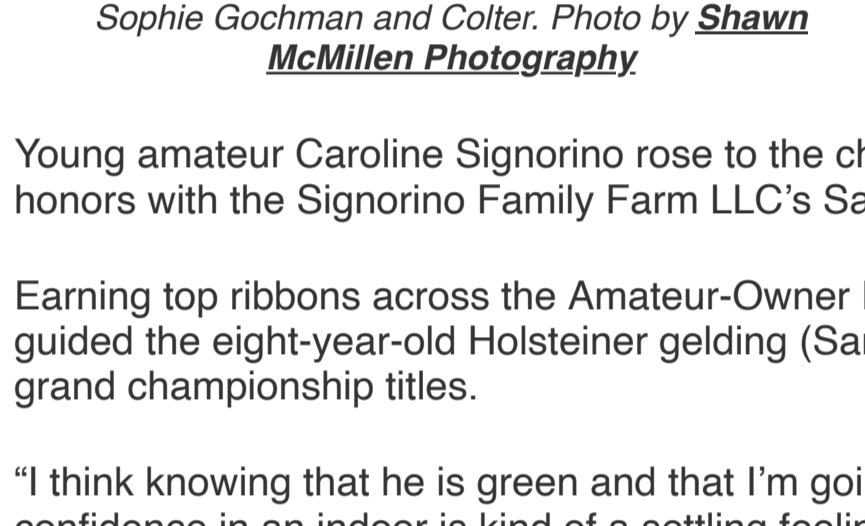


Grand Champion Amateur-Owner Hunter combinations were crowned in the 3'6" and 3'3" divisions on Wednesday morning at WIHS, with Sophie Gochman of West Palm Beach, FL, taking the spotlight of the 3'6" height aboard Colter and Caroline Signorino of Basking Ridge, NJ, securing the 3'3" grand title with Sandori.

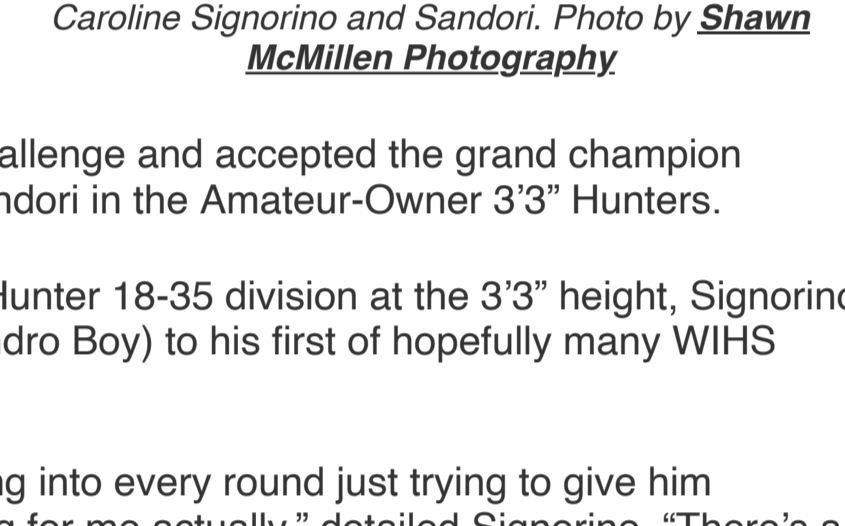
Gochman's success on her 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding (Franziscus) in the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 division — they received first in the stake, two second places, and a sixth — earned them the overall victory at the higher height. It was the second championship of the week for Colter, who was champion in the Green Hunter 3'9" division on Tuesday with trainer Scott Stewart.

"He is one of the easiest horses I've ever ridden," remarked Gochman. "My first time riding him indoors was at Capital Challenge, but this week I was definitely more aware that he is still a green horse. I was a bit nervous, but he was very brave, and I think that was a big advantage."

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Sophie Gochman and Colter. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Caroline Signorino and Sandori. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Young amateur Caroline Signorino rose to the challenge and accepted the grand champion honors with the Signorino Family Farm LLC's Sandori in the Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunters.

Earning top ribbons across the Amateur-Owner Hunter 18-35 division at the 3'3" height, Signorino guided the eight-year-old Holsteiner gelding (Sandro Boy) to his first of hopefully many WIHS grand championship titles.

"I think knowing that he is green and that I'm going into every round just trying to give him confidence in an indoor is kind of a settling feeling for me actually," detailed Signorino. "There's a little less expectation that comes with it, and it helps my mindset."

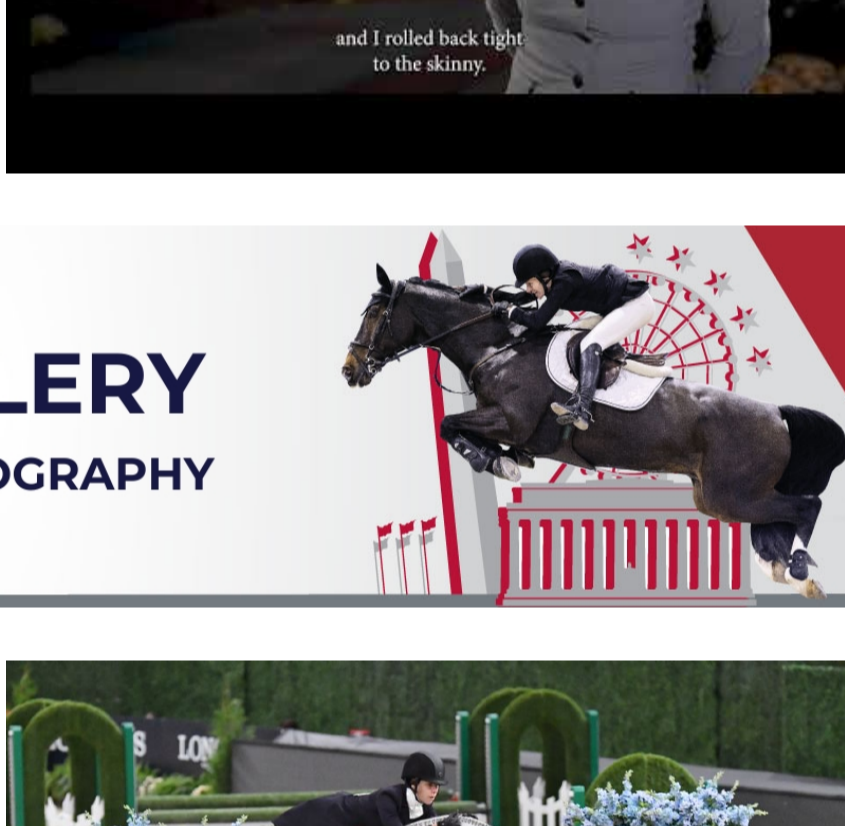
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WORDS FROM WINNERS



Hear Katherine Mercer talk about her win in the \$10,000 WIHS Children's Jumper Championship.

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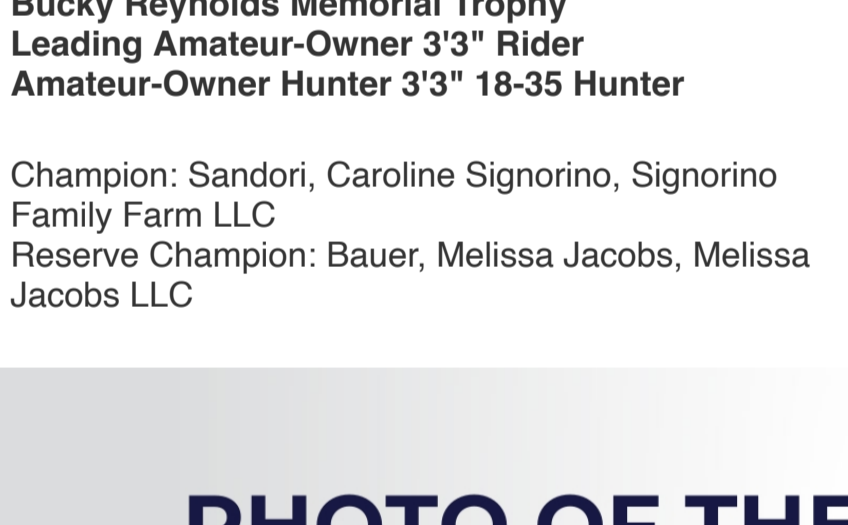
Kimberly Coyle discusses her road to victory in the \$10,000 WIHS Adult Jumper Championship.

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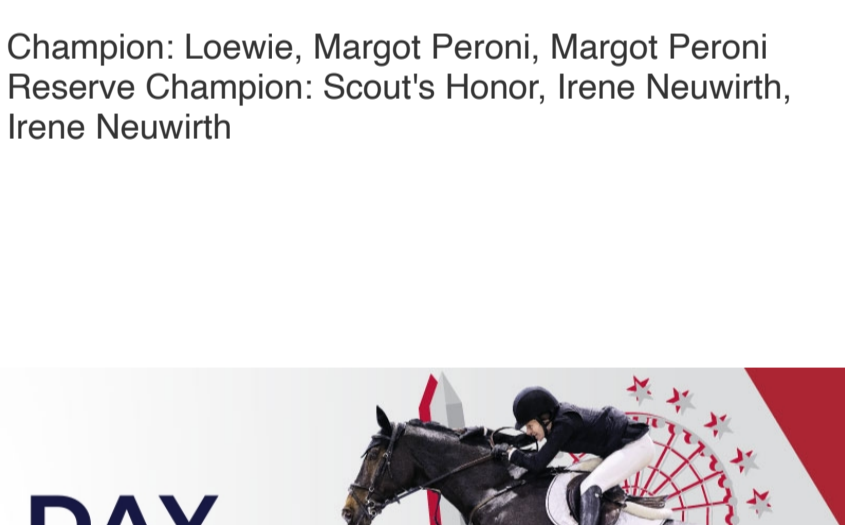
WINNERS GALLERY

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Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" Champion Leading Amateur-Owner 3'6" Rider Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 18-35

Champion: Colter, Sophie Gochman, Sophie Gochman Reserve Champion: Grand Remo, Stella Propp, Aquitaine Equine



Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'6" 36 & Over

Champion: Coconut Grove, Irene Neuirth, Irene Neuirth Reserve Champion: Just Apple, Margot Peroni, Margot Peroni



Grand Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" Champion Bucky Reynolds Memorial Trophy Leading Amateur-Owner 3'3" Rider Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" 18-35 Hunter

Champion: Sandori, Caroline Signorino, Signorino Family Farm LLC Reserve Champion: Bauer, Melissa Jacobs, Melissa Jacobs LLC

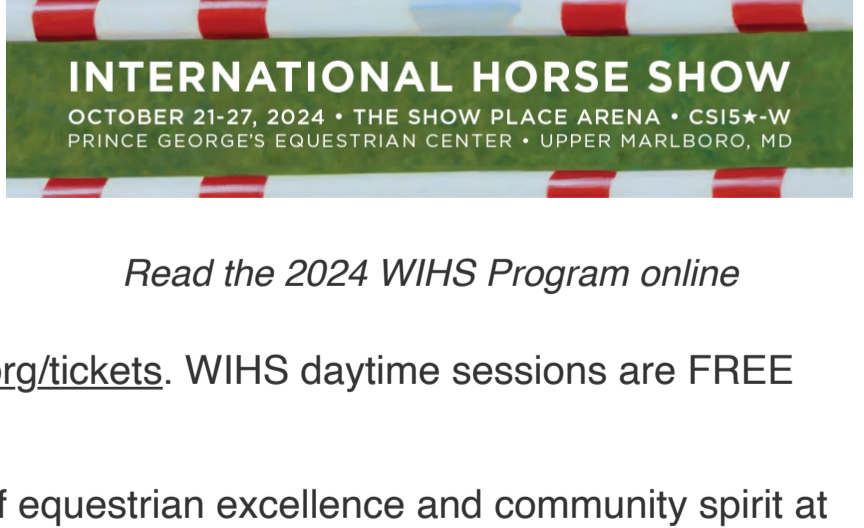
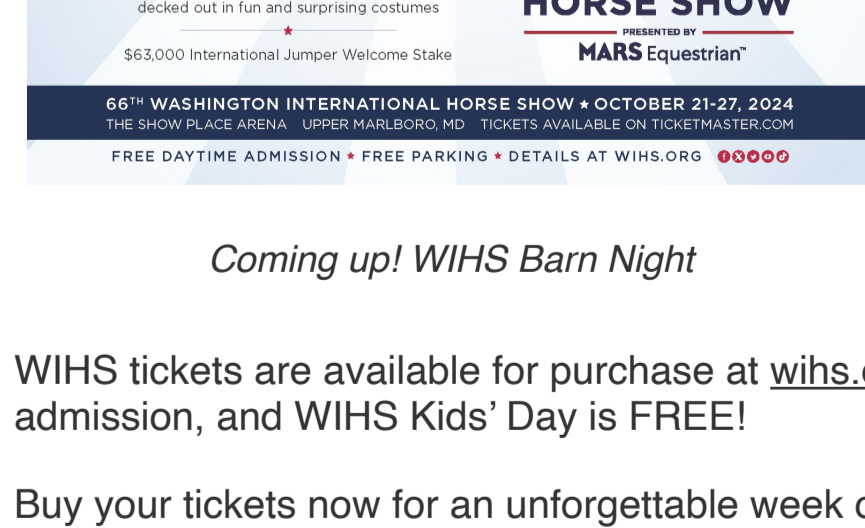
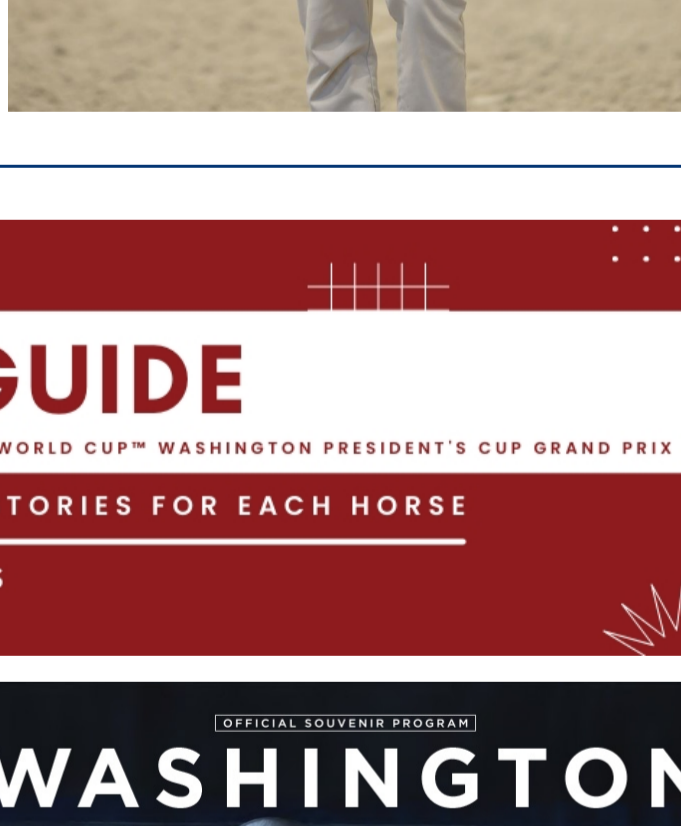
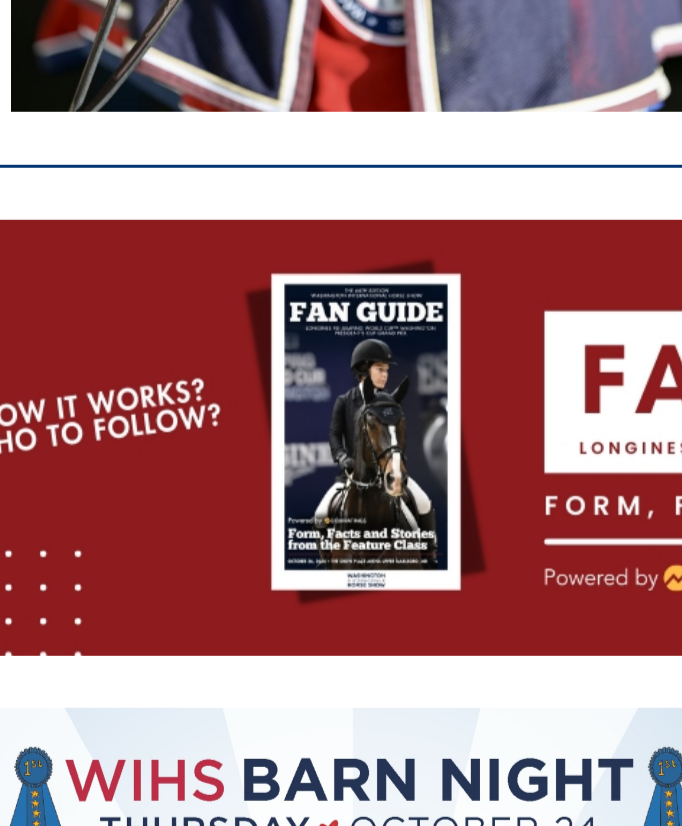
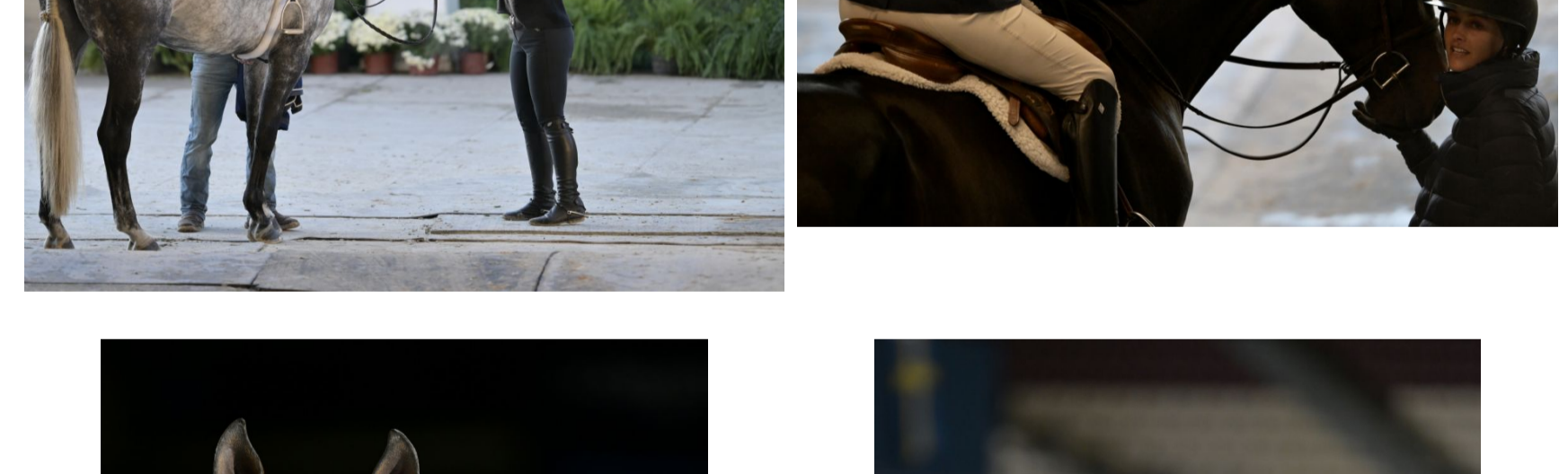


Amateur-Owner Hunter 3'3" 36 & Over

Champion: Loewie, Margot Peroni, Margot Peroni Reserve Champion: Scout's Honor, Irene Neuirth, Irene Neuirth

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