

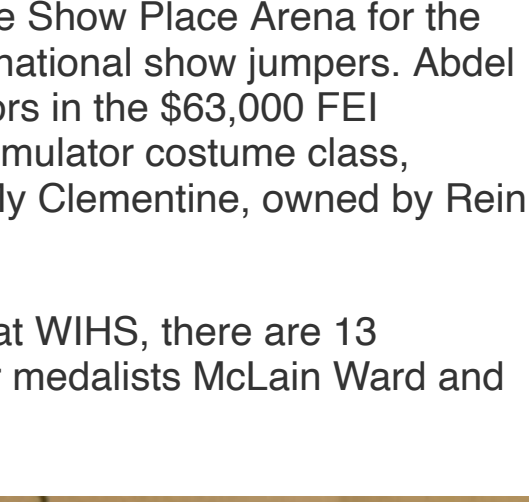


Thursday, October 24

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Live Stream

INTERNATIONAL FIVE-STAR JUMPERS BEGIN WITH WINS FOR SAÏD AND MALLEVAEY



The 2024 Washington International Horse Show (WIHS), presented by MARS Equestrian™ on Thursday, October 24, welcomed riders from around the world to the Show Place Arena for the start of the Fédération Equestre International (FEI) division for international show jumpers. Abdel Saïd (BEL) and Arpege du Ru, owned by AS Trading, took top honors in the \$63,000 FEI Welcome Stake, presented by ClipMyHorse.tv. In the \$32,000 Accumulator costume class, presented by Walkenbach Equestrian, Nina Malleveay (FRA) and My Clementine, owned by Rein Family LLC and Tara Dow-Rein, sped to the win.

Among the 34 riders competing in the international jumper division at WIHS, there are 13 countries represented and 14 Olympians, including U.S. team silver medalists McLain Ward and Laura Kraut from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.

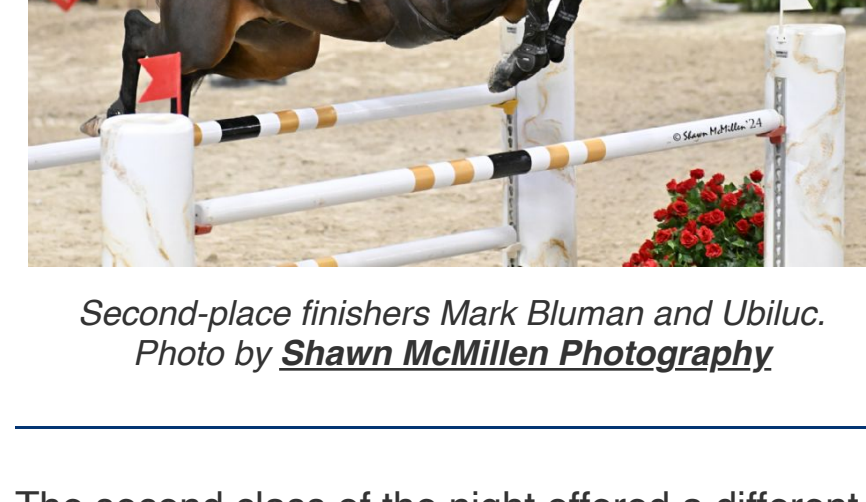


Abdel Saïd and Arpege Du Ru. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

Course designer Nick Granat (USA) set the tracks for the night's class and 33 horse-and-rider combinations competed in the opening round. Eleven were clear and continued to the jump-off. Riding sixth in the order over the shortened course, Saïd and Vital Chance de la Roque, owned by Mannon Farm, which held up for third place. They set the time to beat at 31.61 seconds, which couldn't be caught. Coming closest was Mark Bluman (COL) on Ubluc, owned by Daniel Bluman and Over The Top Stables LLC, in 33.20 seconds for second place.

"Tonight's class was very winding with a lot of turns," said Saïd. "I thought the turn to the FEI jump I took a lot of risk because I knew that would be easy for her. She's really brave and smart to a vertical. I think one to two was also very fast, and that's where we won it."

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Second-place finishers Mark Bluman and Ubluc. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Conor Swail and Vital Chance de la Roque placed third. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The second class of the night offered a different kind of competition, with 27 horse-and-rider combinations in the \$32,000 Accumulator costume class. Featuring 11 nations represented in the field, the class upped the ante with athletes collecting points for each fence cleared without penalty and a final "joker" fence that could give them an additional 20 points if cleared, or take away 20 points from their previous score if faulted.

After taking over the top position early into the competition, France's Nina Malleveay lived up to her Incredible costume and ultimately claimed the win with the nine-year-old Irish Sport Horse mare My Clementine (O.B.O.S Quality 004 x Kashmir van Schuttershof). While Malleveay was one of 10 riders to complete the course with a perfect score of 65, her blazing fast time across the track in 43.61 seconds proved unbeatable. In addition to the class victory, Malleveay was presented with the Crown Royal Trophy and My Clementine received the Sue Ann Geisler Memorial Trophy, donated by the Washington International Horse Show.

"She's simply amazing," said Malleveay of her new partner. "I've been riding her for six months, and she's just so smart and fast and careful. She's just so fun to ride."



"Incredible" Nina Malleveay and My Clementine. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

The experience was a first for Malleveay, who is fully embracing all that WIHS offers, including the fan-favorite costume class and the enthusiasm of Barn Night.

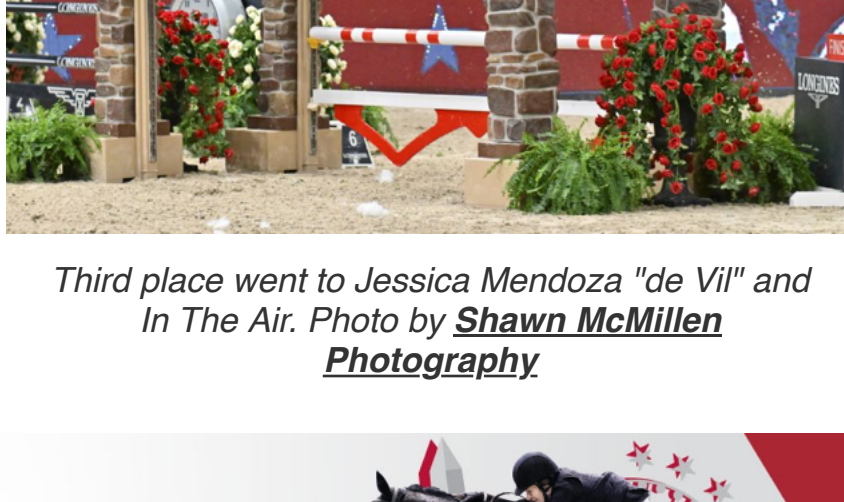
"The costume was actually my groom's idea, and I think she did a great job," she said, referencing her and My Clementine's The Incredibles attire. "I know my horse is quick across the ground and careful, so I wanted to try to win, and she was just awesome."

The United States' first president George Washington, otherwise known as McLain Ward (USA), gave chase on Robin Parsky's 11-year-old Oldenburg mare First Lady (Don Diarado x Lordanos) and left all the jumps standing in 43.76 seconds to the second place and a thrilled crowd. Just over one second off the winning time, Jessica Mendoza (GBR) flew to the final position in the victory gallop on her 11-year-old KWPN mare In The Air (Air Jordan x Indoctro).

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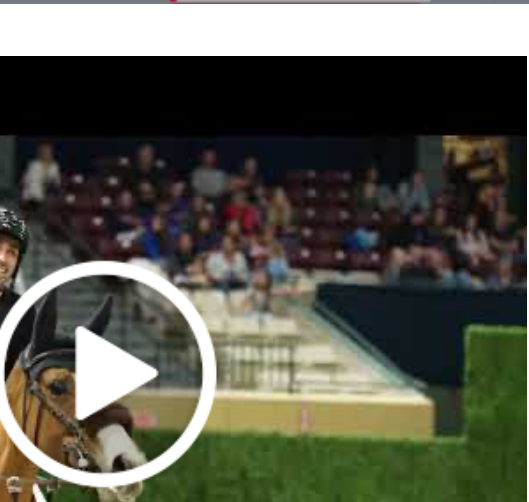


McLain Ward "Washington" and First Lady were second. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



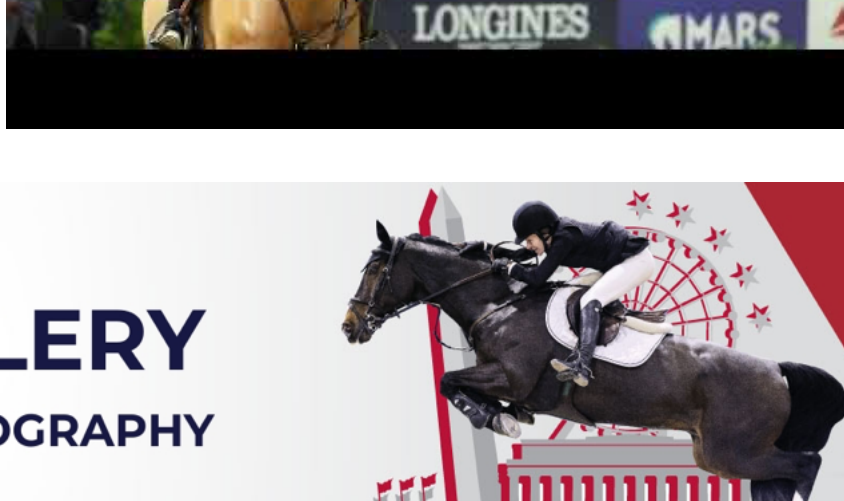
Third place went to Jessica Mendoza "de Vil" and In The Air. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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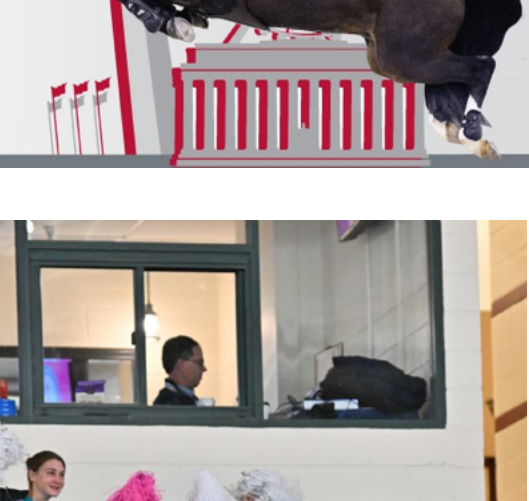
Hear from \$63,000 ClipMyHorse.tv Welcome Stake winner Abdel Saïd on how he claimed his victory.

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Best Costume Award
Carly Anthony and Jet Blue, owned by Portfolio Horses LLC



Group Traveling Farthest to Barn Night
Loudoun 4-H Canterlopes (Purcellville, VA)



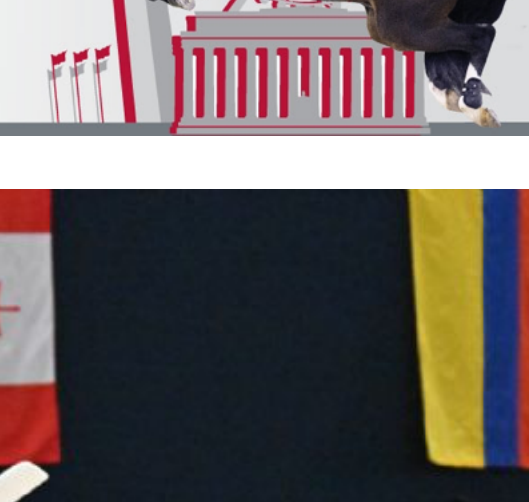
The inaugural Kind Wins awards were presented to Sue Chambers and Paige Walkenbach.



WIHS Junior Committee entering the ring for the t-shirt toss at Barn Night.

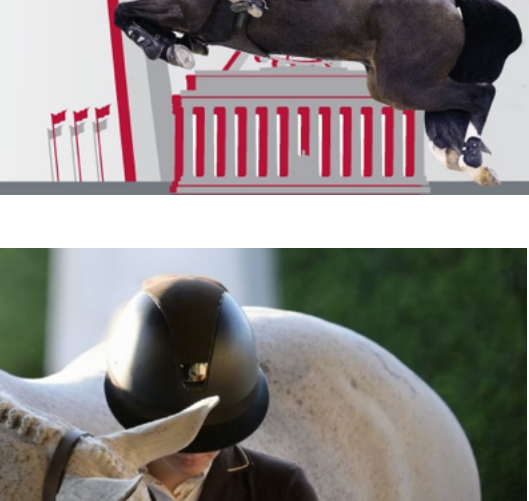
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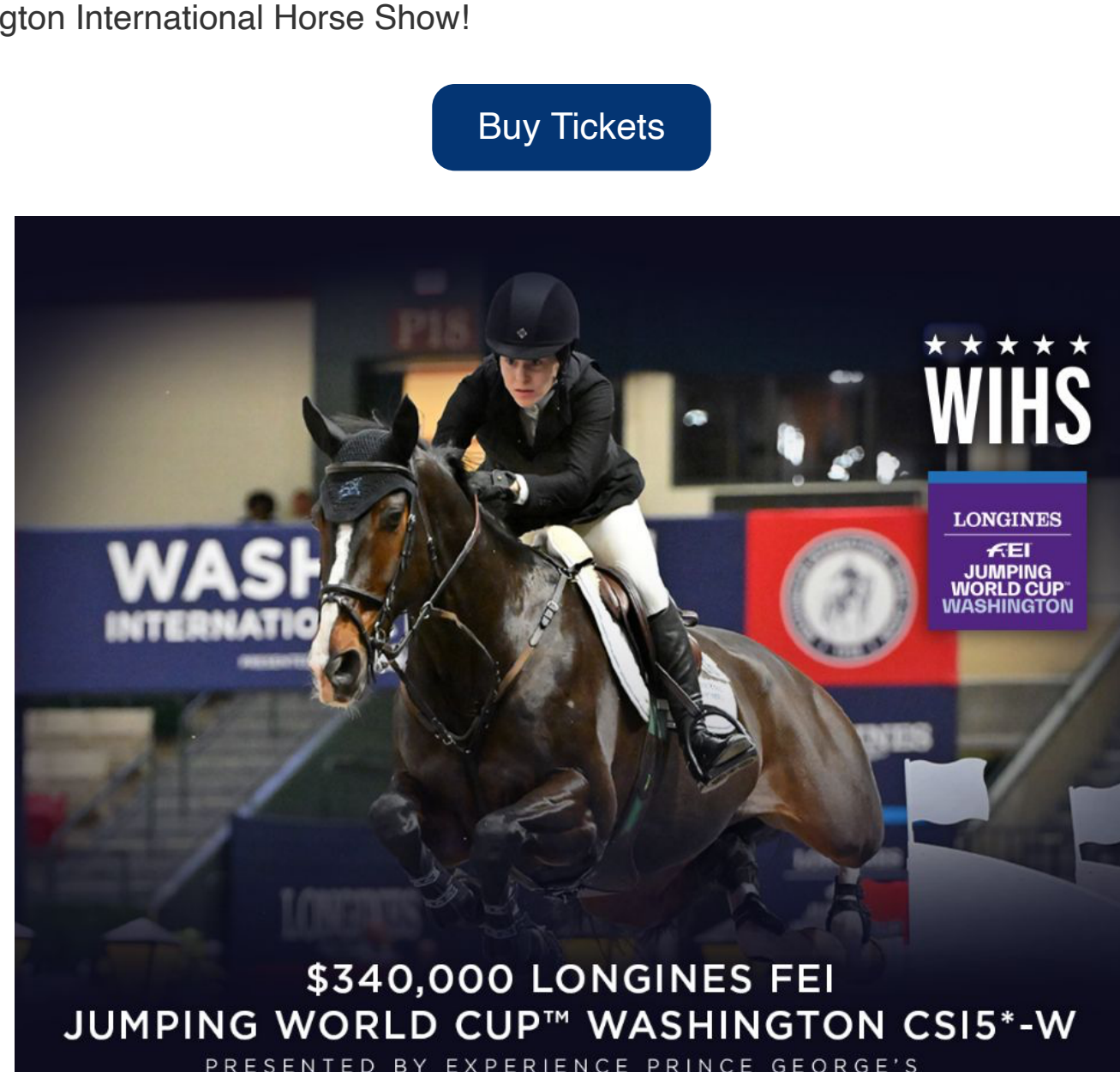
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