

# Capital Challenge Horse Show

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Hundreds of competitors and spectators are gearing up for another spectacular competition as the 2024 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show approaches on September 26-October 6. This will be the 31st running of the popular fixture, which is an official USEF Heritage Competition and focuses on preeminent hunter, equitation, and jumper action.

**For the 2024 show,**



Emi Richard rode Tresoro, owned by Gray Neville, to the Large Pony Hunter championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Finley Baras was honored as the Small Pony Hunter champion and reserve champion with Spring Fling and Dream Big. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



management is pleased to announce that the prize money has been boosted to \$50,000 for the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Professional Challenge, on Wednesday, October 2. This bolsters what is an 11-day extravaganza of elite-level competition at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions.

Capital Challenge Co-Founder and Show Manager Oliver Kennedy said, "Capital Challenge would not be possible without our wonderful group of loyal sponsors and exhibitors. We pride ourselves on being the first stop on the indoor circuit and hosting top hunter, jumper, and equitation competition, and we work hard to enhance the show for our exhibitors and guests every year."

The 2024 show kicks off with the newly named CCHS Equitation Showcase presented by BIGEQ.com, which features four days of equitation championships starting on September 26. Following that, the schedule includes hunter, jumper, and more equitation competition, including WCHR Hunter Challenges for amateurs, juniors, children, adults, ponies, and developing professionals.

The WCHR Professional Challenge and the fan-favorite head-to-head WCHR Professional Finals on Friday, October 4, also return, while amateur riders will compete in the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals, and future equine stars of the sport contest the KASK/Vogel Green Hunter North American Championship. This year's Capital Challenge Horse Show also hosts six North American League (NAL) Finals.

Capital Challenge Horse Show is free to attend and will have full livestream coverage at CapitalChallenge.org and on USEF Network. Follow along with all of the fun and emotional moments on their Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok pages!



Bradley Bowns of Capital Challenge Horse Show congratulates Geoffrey Hesslink and Drumroll, owned by Meridian Farm LLC, on their win that led to the Green Hunter 3'9" championship, sponsored by Lannie Lipson. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Above Circle: Faith Schuttemeyer led the victory gallop on Blackjack after winning the Taylor Harris Insurance Services National Children's Medal Finals. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography  
▲ In the Palm Beach International Academy North American Junior Equitation Championships, Tessa Downey emerged victorious riding Efendi. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography  
▲ The Connaway & Associates Equine Insurance Services High Point American-Bred Award was presented to SVF Inaugural, ridden by Maria Rasmussen and owned by Sunset View Farm LLC. Photo by Jump Media.



With the high score in both rounds of the \$10,000 WCHR Developing Pro Challenge, sponsored by John R. Ingram Fund, Halie Robinson led the victory gallop aboard Leisure, owned by Stable Assets LLC. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography



Grace Shipman piloted Calamanzo to secure the overall lead through three phases in the seventh-annual EMO Insurance Agency/United States Hunter Jumper Association 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Final - East. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography