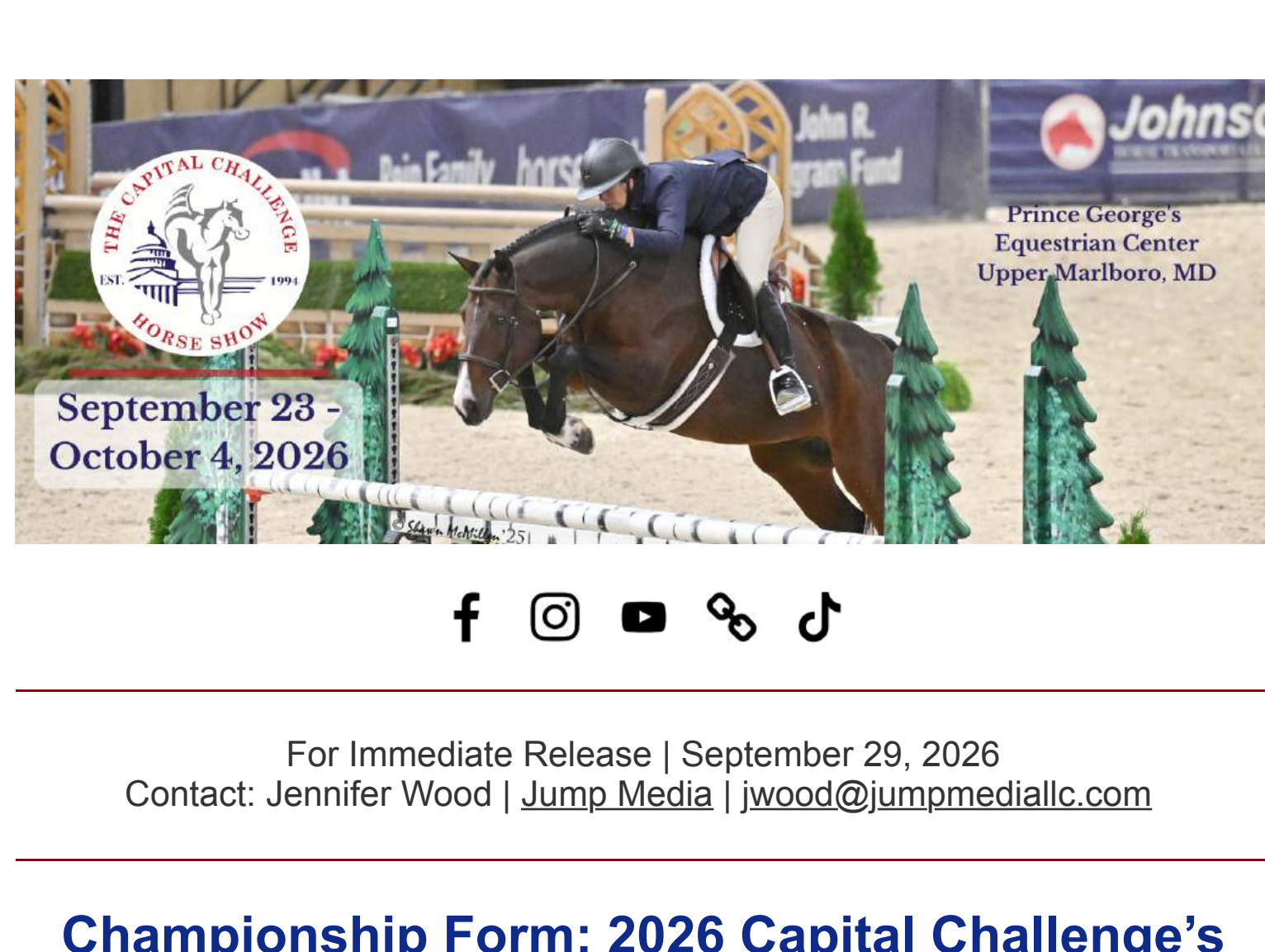




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Championship Form: 2026 Capital Challenge's Professional Hunter Winners

Upper Marlboro, MD – Fourteen champions were named on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show (CCHS) in Upper Marlboro, MD. CCHS brings the best hunters in the country together, and the action continues on September 30 with the \$50,000 World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Professional Challenge, presented by The Gochman Family and the John R. Ingram Fund.



Green Hunter 3'6" Section A Sponsored by Fairlane Farm

Champion: A Lister, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Kulkin Equestrian Inc.

Reserve Champion: Imperial, ridden by Kate Conover, owned by West Coast Equine Partners LLC

"He was only two weeks out of quarantine, and we went to Upperville. That was his very first horse show. He went right to the 3'6", and he was reserve champion. He's pretty much won every horse show he's been at. Actually, he's very similar to Encore. He's very brave, very scopey, and took to it really easily."

"For horses like India's A Lister, it is nice to come to Capital Challenge and be competitive without having done a lot of horse shows and getting a lot of points."

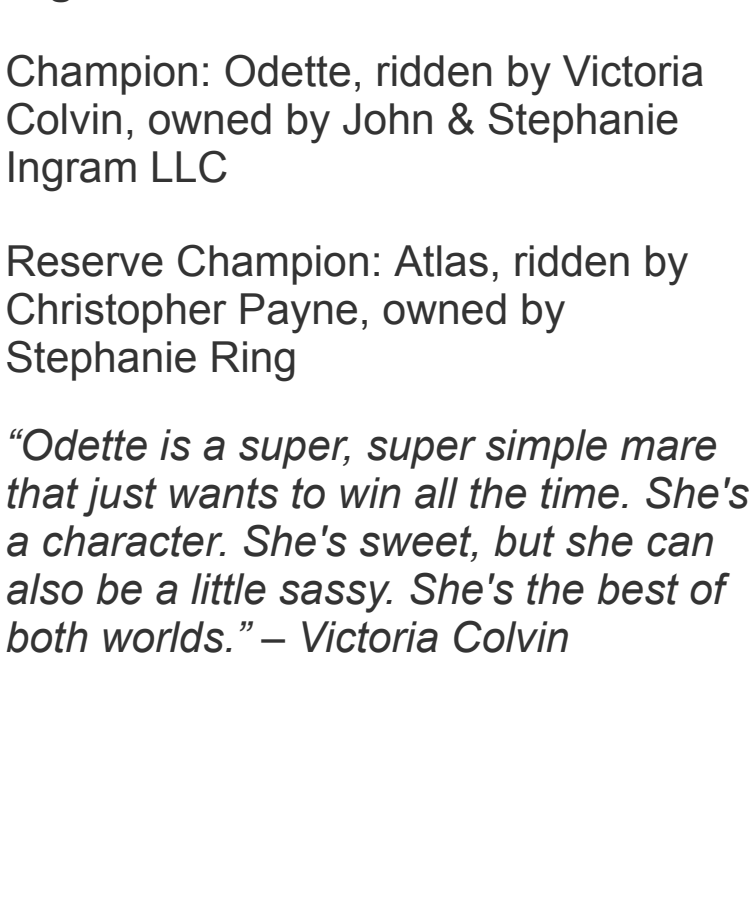
"Timing has been pretty successful, and he is a great horse for India in the junior hunters." – Scott Stewart



Green Hunter 3'6" Section B Sponsored by Fairlane Farm

Champion: Timing, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Kulkin Equestrian Inc.

Reserve Champion: Margaux, ridden by Laura Bowery, owned by Mare Eyfee LLC

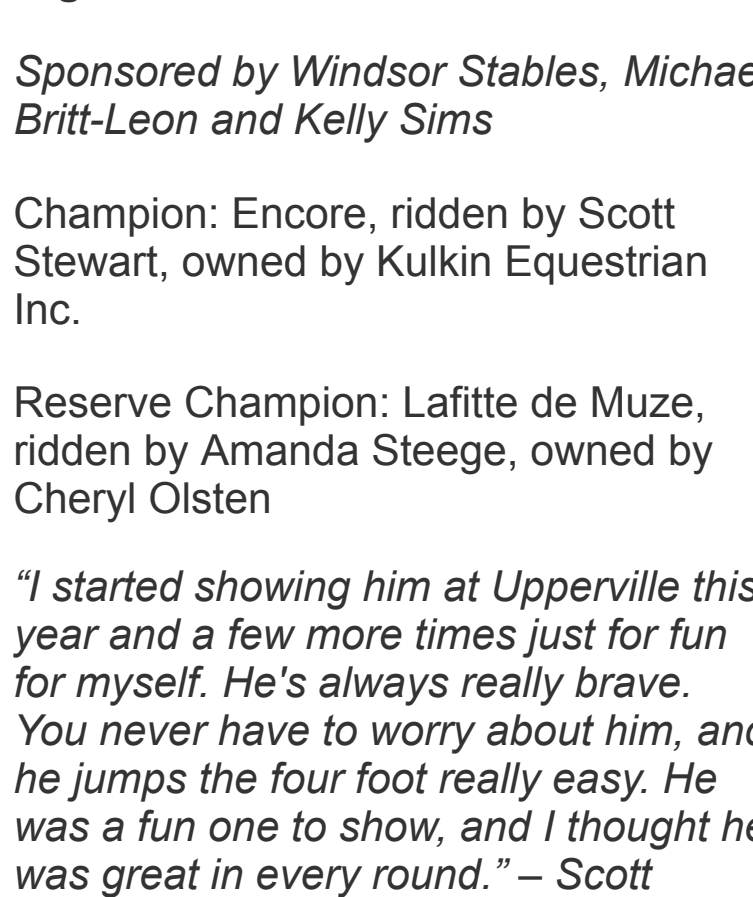


Green Conformation Sponsored by Stephanie Danhaki

Champion: Well Played, ridden by Christina Serio, owned by Clementina Brown

Reserve Champion: Velvet Elvis, ridden by Jacob Pope, owned by Balmoral

"He's grown up and really come a long way in the past year, and it's been so wonderful to be able to ride him and bring him along. It just all clicked. Everything finally came together, and everything we had been working towards added up to the perfect round, and it was a great feeling. I've been watching my mom win here for years, and I've always been trying to keep up with her, so it's kind of a huge deal in that way." – Christina Serio



Green Hunter 3'9"

Champion: Cannon Beach, ridden by Michael Britt-Leon, owned by Kelly Sims

Reserve Champion: Pavlova, ridden by Victoria Colvin, owned by John & Stephanie Ingram LLC

"He tries, so, so hard. He knows when it's time to shine, and when he goes in that indoor, he brightens up a little bit and jumps a little bit higher, and it always works out. It's wonderful to be rewarded when the horses go well, so I'm quite excited about it. It's absolutely amazing to start our week this way." – Michael Britt-Leon



High Performance Conformation

Champion: Odette, ridden by Victoria Colvin, owned by John & Stephanie Ingram LLC

Reserve Champion: Atlas, ridden by Christopher Payne, owned by Stephanie Ring

"Odette is a super, super simple mare that just wants to win all the time. She's a character. She's sweet, but she can also be a little sassy. She's the best of both worlds." – Victoria Colvin



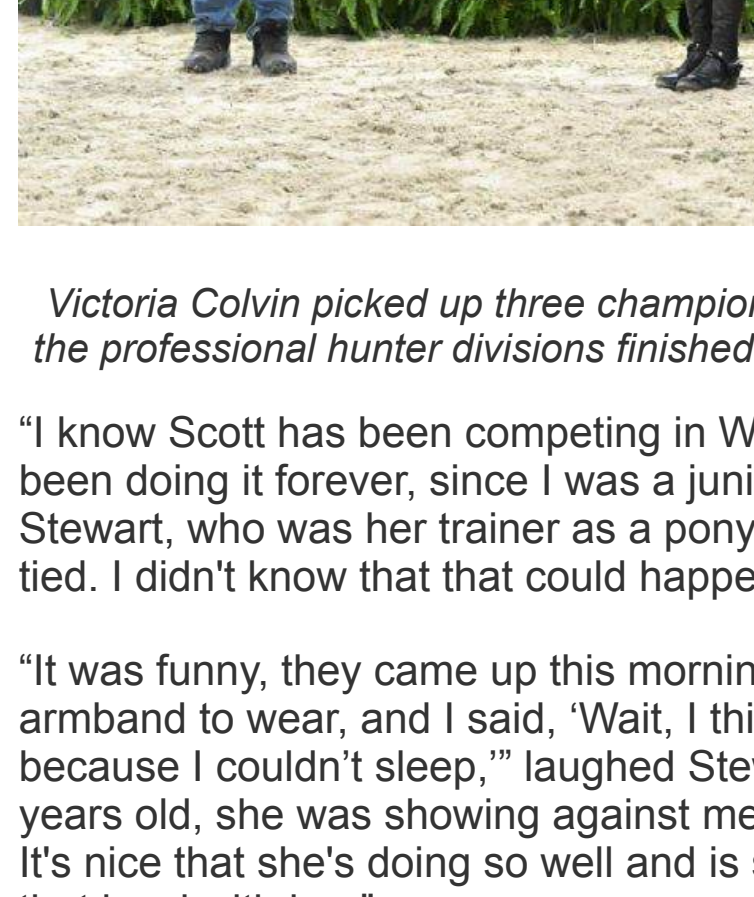
High Performance Hunter

Sponsored by Windsor Stables, Michael Britt-Leon and Kelly Sims

Champion: Encore, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Kulkin Equestrian Inc.

Reserve Champion: Lafitte de Muze, ridden by Amanda Steeger, owned by Cheryl Olsten

"I started showing him at Upperville this year and a few more times just for fun for myself. He's always really brave. You never have to worry about him, and he jumps the four foot really easy. He was a fun one to show, and I thought he was great in every round." – Scott Stewart

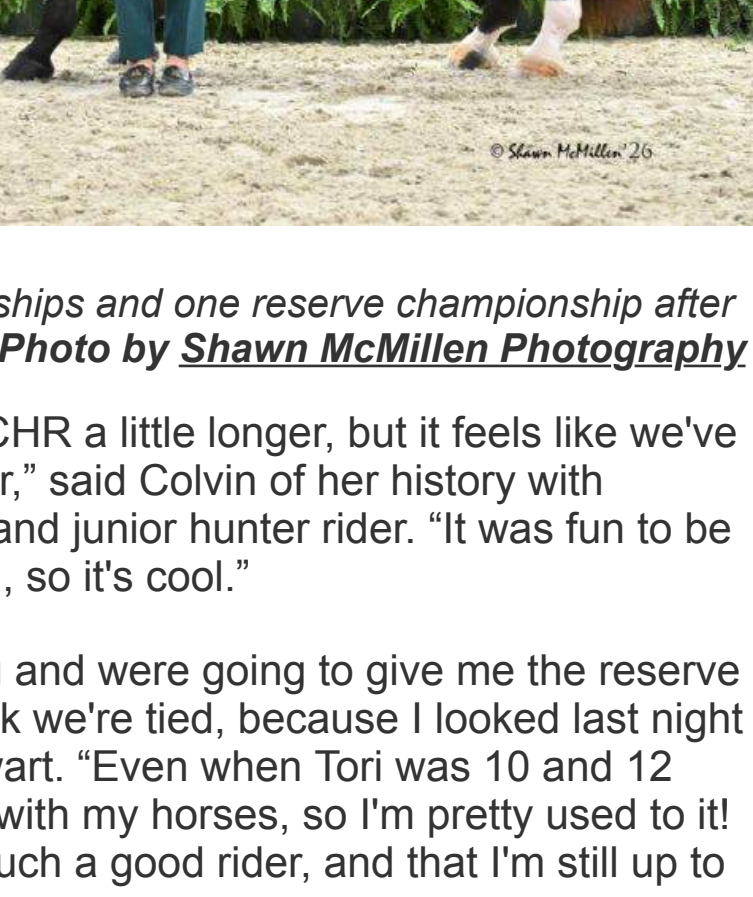


Performance Hunter 3'6" Section A

Champion: Dicoblue PS, ridden by Victoria Colvin, owned by John & Stephanie Ingram LLC

Reserve Champion: All Inclusive, ridden by Samantha Schaefer, owned by Ava Berman

"He's my man. He looks quite big, but he doesn't ride like a big horse; he's very light. His jump is obviously super high. He tries to give a lot of effort on every jump." – Victoria Colvin



Performance Hunter 3'6" Section B

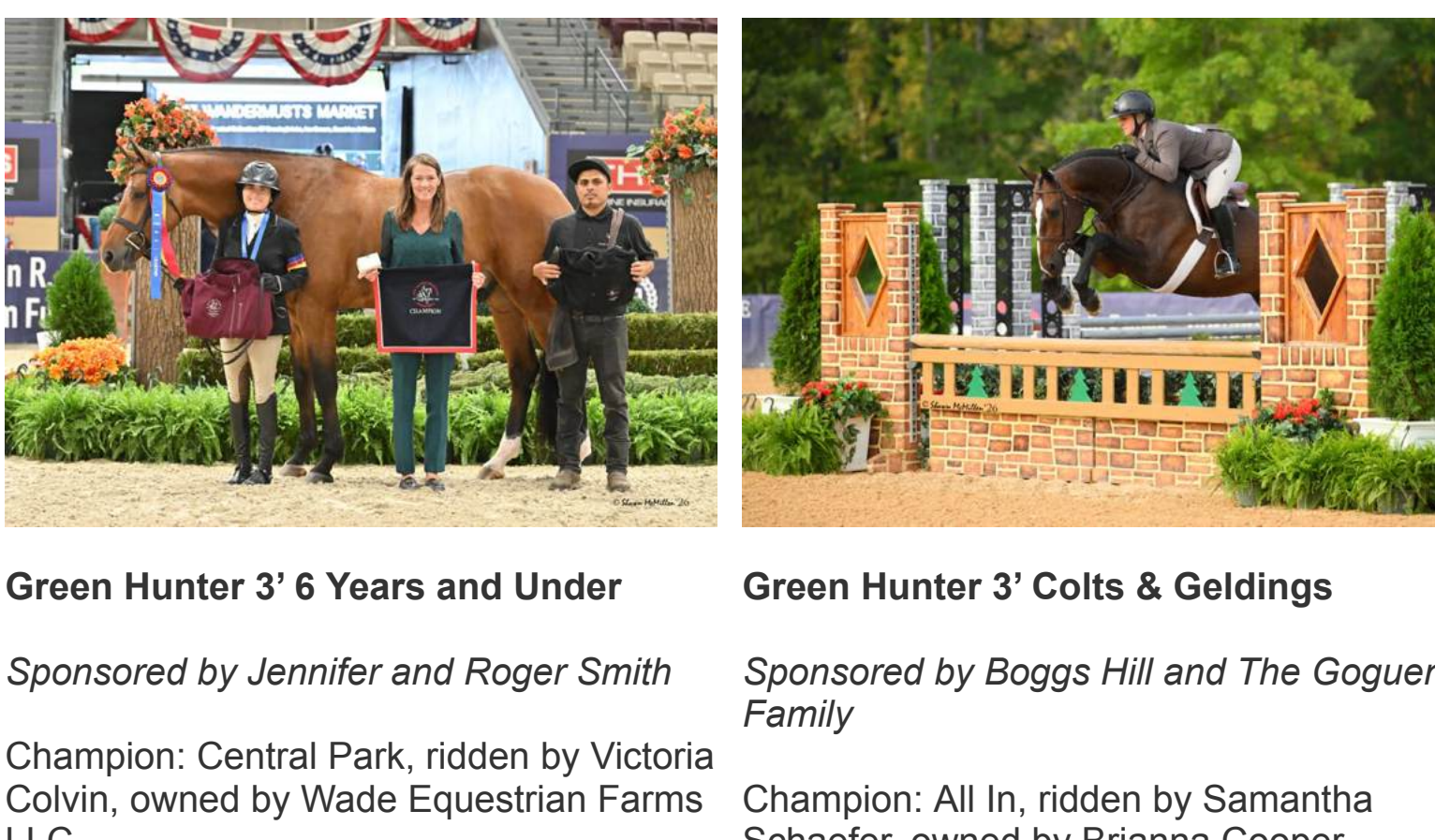
Champion: Lifestyle, ridden by Halie Robinson, owned by Big Picture LLC

Reserve Champions: Daydream, Scott Stewart, Sophie Gochman

Crystal Blue, John French, Walkenbach Equestrian LLC

Cosworth, Abby Jorgensen, Badger Sporthorses LLC

"This mare is definitely one of my favorite horses I think I'll ever get to have in my lifetime. We were the first ones originally in 2023 to show her as a hunter. We sold her just four horse shows into her hunter career, but we actually just had the opportunity about a month ago to buy her back. It's so great being reunited with her again, and this is a really fun way to celebrate it. I feel like we all kind of manifested it together." – Halie Robinson



South Coast, ridden by Kate Conover and owned by West Coast Equine Partners LLC, won the \$1,000 Professional World Champion Hunter Under Saddle, sponsored by Arcadia Farm, Molly Flaherty, and Patty Peckham.

Photos by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Excitement Is Building

For the first time in WCHR history, two riders were tied at the top of the Professional standings coming into Capital Challenge. Scott Stewart and Victoria Colvin both had 1,950 points before their hunter divisions started. Wednesday night's WCHR Professional Challenge, presented by The Gochman Family and John R. Ingram Fund will determine the top four riders that will participate in Friday night's WCHR Professional Final, presented by [World Wide Technology](#).



Victoria Colvin picked up three championships and one reserve championship after the professional hunter divisions finished. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

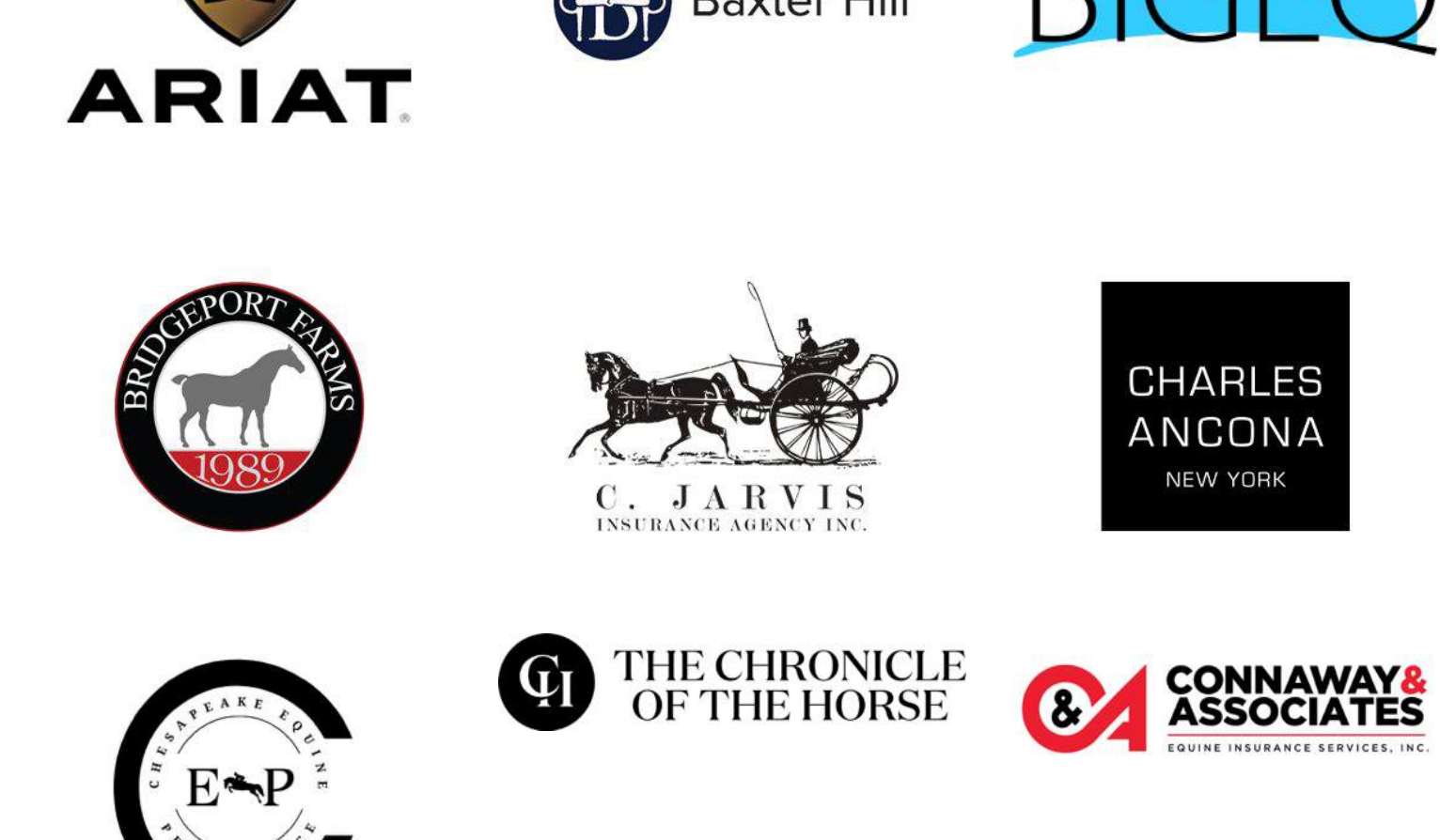
"I know Scott has been competing in WCHR a little longer, but it feels like we've been doing it forever, since I was a junior," said Colvin of her history with Stewart, who was her trainer as a pony and junior hunter rider. "It was fun to be tied. I didn't know that that could happen, so it's cool."

"It was funny, they came up this morning and were going to give me the reserve armband to wear, and I said, 'Wait, I think we're tied, because I looked last night because I couldn't sleep,'" laughed Stewart. "Even when Tori was 10 and 12 years old, she was showing against me with my horses, so I'm pretty used to it! It's nice that she's doing so well and is such a good rider, and that I'm still up to that level with her."



Scott Stewart continued his usual dominance in the professional hunters at CCHS with four championships – including Gracious (above) – and five reserve championships. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

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Green Hunter 3'6 Years and Under

Sponsored by Jennifer and Roger Smith

Champion: Central Park, ridden by Victoria Colvin, owned by Wade Equestrian Farms LLC

Reserve Champion: Basano, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker

Green Hunter 3'6" Colts & Geldings

Sponsored by Boggs Hill and The Goguen Family

Champion: All In, owned by Samantha Schaefer, owned by Brianna Cooper

Reserve Champion: Full Circle, ridden by Vivian Yowan, owned by Havens Schatt



Green Hunter 3'7 and Over

Sponsored by New Hope LLC, David Belford and Christopher Payne

Champion: MTM Catchy, ridden by Erica Quinn, owned by Autumn Hannesky

Reserve Champion: Confetti, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Sachi Kawabata-Porto



Green Hunter 3'8 3/4" Mares

Sponsored by Aquitaine Equine

Champion: Journey, ridden by Jennifer Hannan, owned by Stephanie Bulger

Reserve Champion: Cardiff Castle, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Rivers Edge



Green Hunter 3'3" Section A

Sponsored by Hunt Tosh Inc.

Champion: Gracious, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Rivers Edge

Reserve Champion: Society Hill, ridden by Kate Conover, owned by Glebe Ventures LLC



Green Hunter 3'3" Section B

Sponsored by Hunt Tosh Inc.

Champion: Westbrook, ridden by Kate Conover, owned by Kate Conover

Reserve Champion: Ideal, ridden by Scott Stewart, owned by Sophie Gochman

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Thursday, Oct. 1

Friday, Oct. 2

Saturday, Oct. 3

Sunday, Oct. 4

CCHS Adult Breakfast
SOTHEBY'S International Realty
Rider Deck, 8-11 a.m.

CCHS Junior Breakfast
SOTHEBY'S International Realty
Rider Deck, 8-10 a.m.

RoundShare Ice Cream Social
SOTHEBY'S International Realty
Rider Deck, 2-3:30 p.m.

USHJA/CCHS Dinner
Tack Room, 5-9 p.m.

WCHR Pro Final Press Conference
Winner's Circle Lounge, following prize giving

PBIA Junior Breakfast
SOTHEBY'S International
Realty Rider Deck, 8-10 a.m.

CCHS Farewell & Children's Breakfast
SOTHEBY'S International Realty
Rider Deck, 8-10 a.m.

For more information on the 2026 Capital Challenge Horse Show, please visit www.CapitalChallenge.org. Additional information, photos, and coverage can be found on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). For winning rounds and rider interviews, check out the Capital Challenge Horse Show [YouTube](#) channel.

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