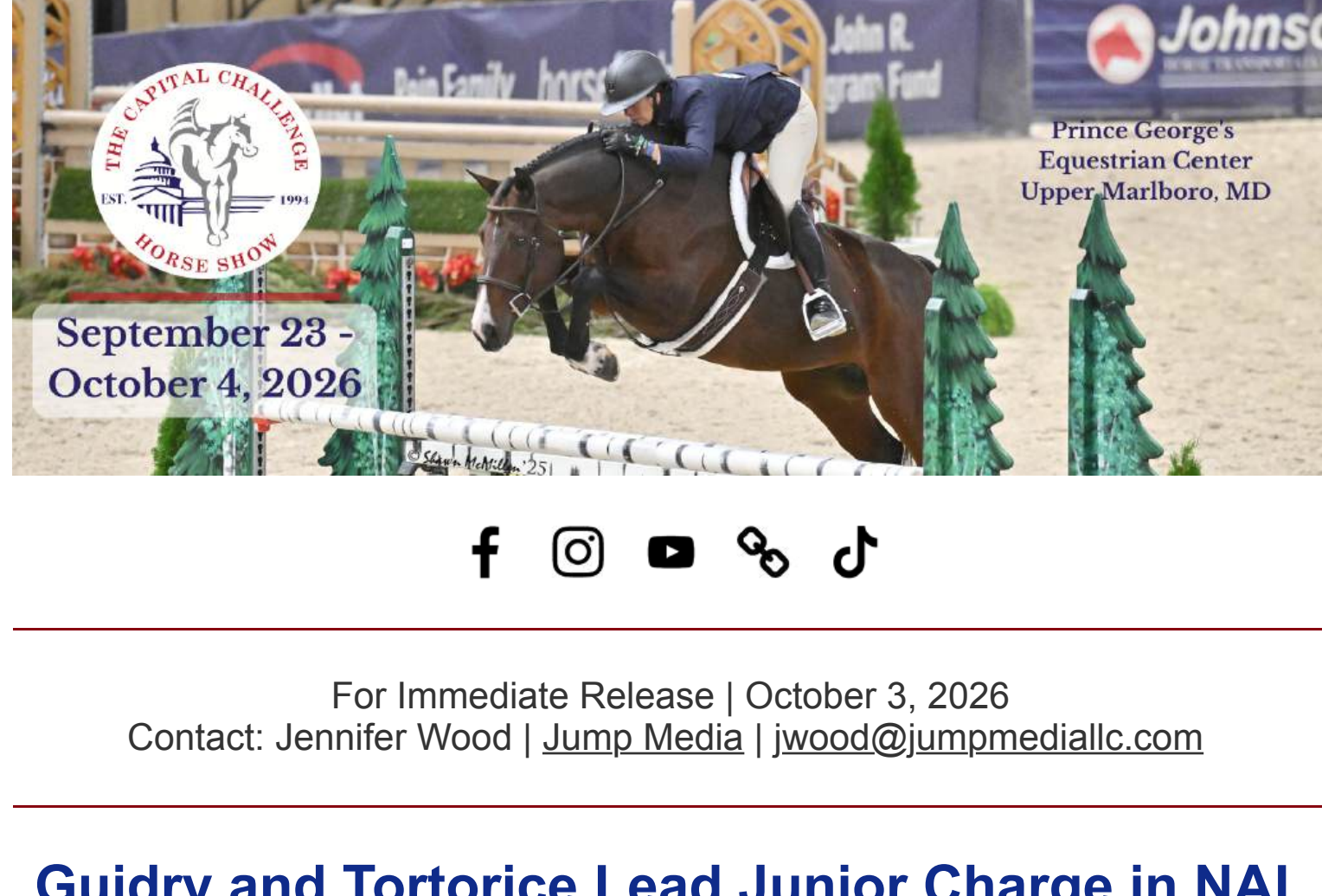
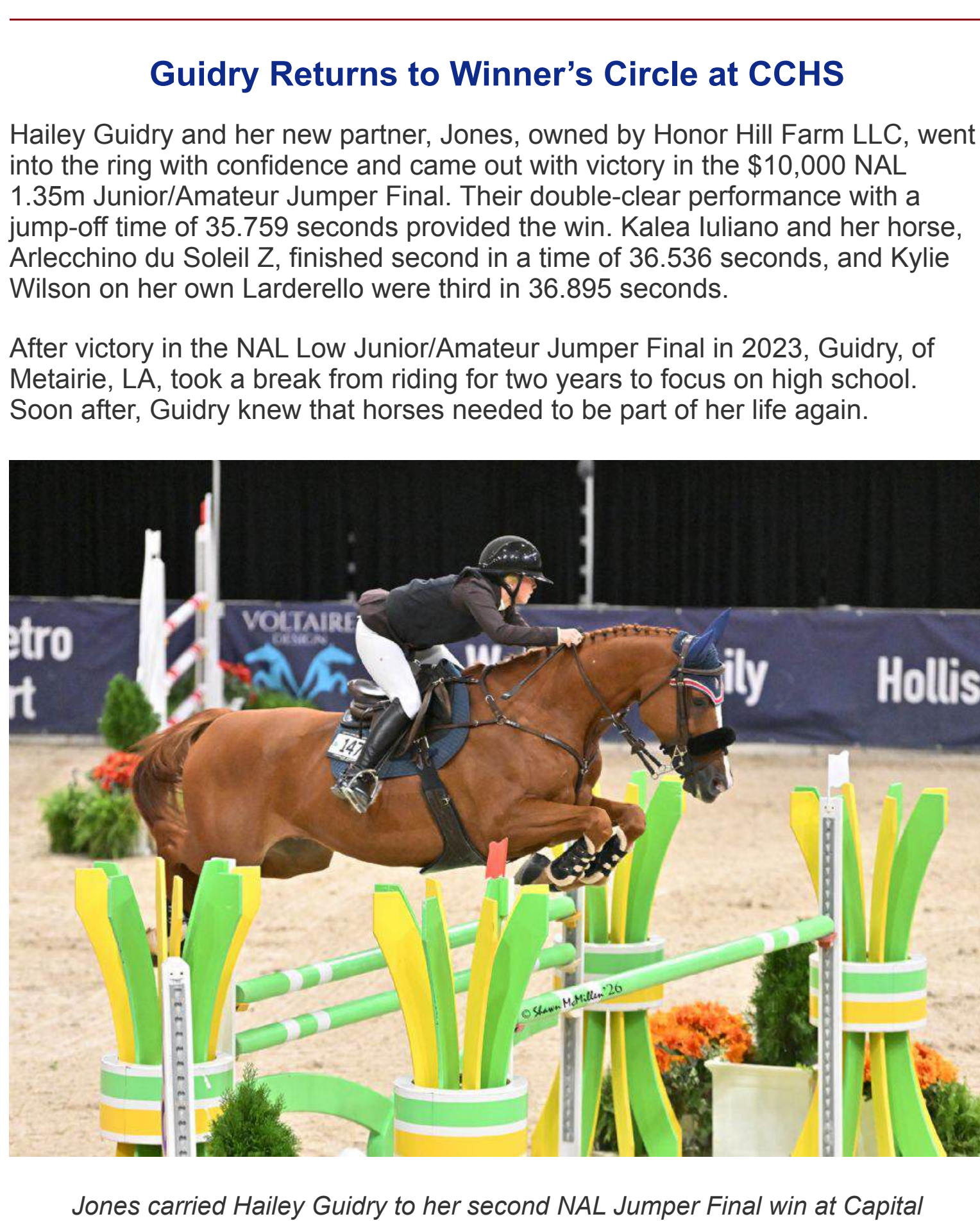




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Guidry and Tortorice Lead Junior Charge in NAL Jumper Finals

Upper Marlboro, MD – On Saturday night, October 3, at the 2026 Capital Challenge Horse Show, jumpers took center stage with the North American League (NAL) 1.25m and 1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Finals. Victory in the \$10,000 NAL 1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Final went to Hailey Guidry and Jones. In the \$10,000 NAL 1.25m Junior/Amateur Jumper Final, Mary Margaret Tortorice and Londra Domani were best in a jump-off field of 13 for victory. Kenzie Smith and Orchard Zweed, owned by Rivers Edge, had the most points to collect the Grand Pony Hunter Championship.



Hailey Guidry and Jones in their winning presentation for the \$10,000 NAL 1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Final. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.

Guidry Returns to Winner's Circle at CCHS

Hailey Guidry and her new partner, Jones, owned by Honor Hill Farm LLC, went into the ring with confidence and came out with victory in the \$10,000 NAL 1.35m Junior/Amateur Jumper Final. Their double-clear performance with a jump-off time of 35.759 seconds provided the win. Kalea Iuliano and her horse, Arlecchino du Soleil Z, finished second in a time of 36.536 seconds, and Kylie Wilson on her own Larderello were third in 36.895 seconds.

After victory in the NAL Low Junior/Amateur Jumper Final in 2023, Guidry, of Metairie, LA, took a break from riding for two years to focus on high school. Soon after, Guidry knew that horses needed to be part of her life again.



Jones carried Hailey Guidry to her second NAL Jumper Final win at Capital Challenge. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.

After a search for the right horse, they found Jones, a 12-year-old KWPN gelding by Carrera VDL. She started riding "Spot" in May, and their relationship has progressed quickly.

"He's such a good boy," described Guidry. "He is always so game; he's honestly better than me. I've been trying to learn him and his little tics. He's been doing the grand prix, and I bought him to do the Under 25 and 1.40m/1.45m classes. This is our first big show together, and I'm very happy with how yesterday and today went."

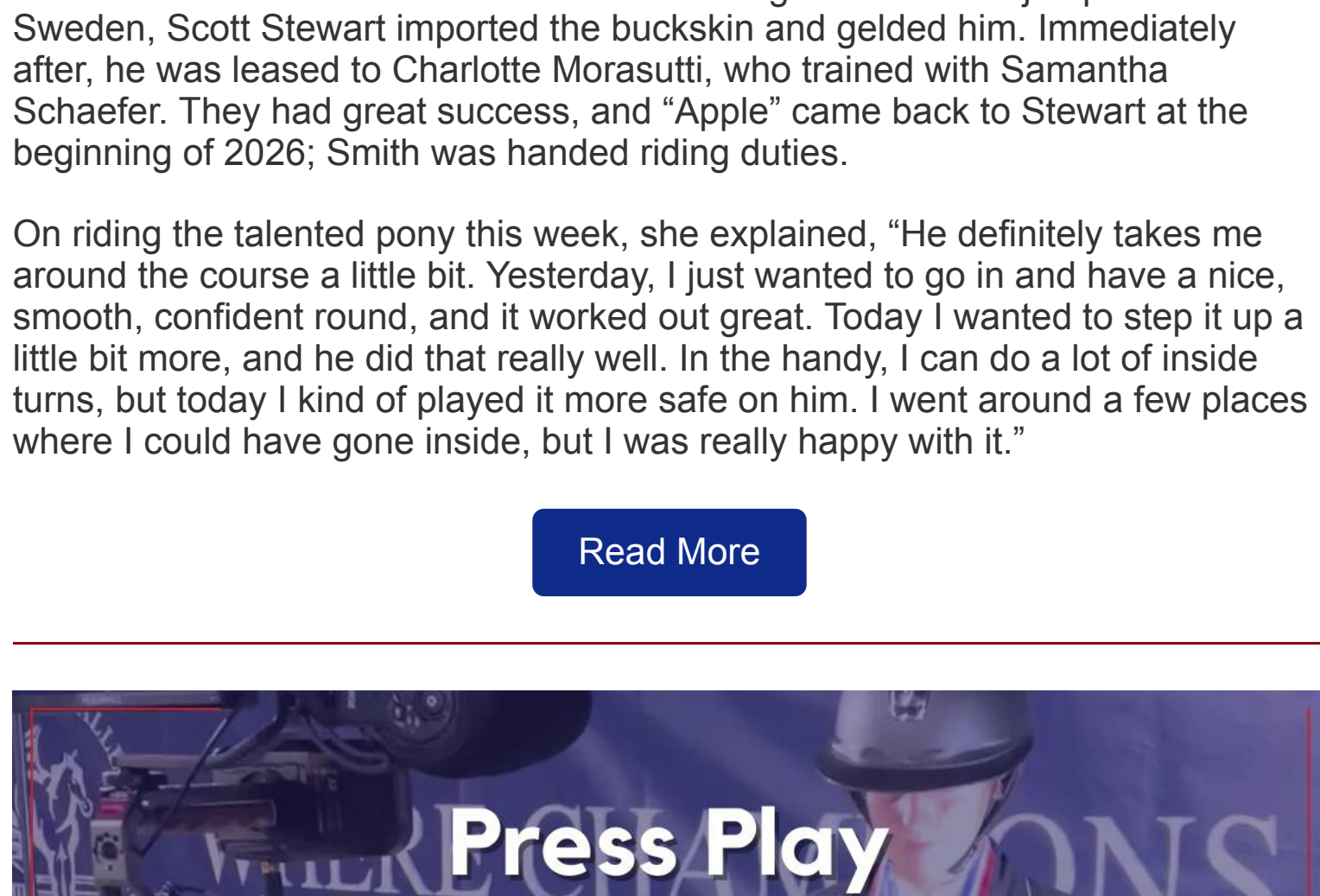
"I wasn't expecting to go in and win," continued Guidry, who is preparing for the USEF Prix de States competition next week. "It's honestly surreal. Coming back now, it's definitely a little bit harder seeing all the people that I grew up with being in higher levels than me, but then again, I'm very grateful that I even get to be back in the sport and have the horses that I have."

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Tortorice Holds Off Challengers for Victory

As the early leader in the jump-off of the \$10,000 NAL 1.25m Junior/Amateur Final, Mary Margaret Tortorice rode Londra Domani, owned by Olivia Krapf, held off 12 other challengers for victory.

Tortorice, of Beaumont, TX, and Londra Domani, a 10-year-old Italian Warmblood mare by Glock's London, finished clear in 33.176 seconds.



Mary Margaret Tortorice and Londra Domani were fastest of 13 in the jump-off to win. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.

Tortorice, who trains with Berry Porter and Brookside Pine Farms, has been riding Londra Domani just over a year and enjoys the type of ride the petite bay provides. "She's quite small, but I feel like I'm kind of better on the small, fast one. Having a little more compact of a horse is easier, especially in this indoor ring," said Tortorice, who was riding in her first indoor competition. "She's just the best; she's my girl. She'll jump over the moon for you."

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Smith and Orchard Zweed Sweep Over Fences for Grand

Kenzie Smith, 15, and Orchard Zweed, owned by Rivers Edge, won all three over fences classes and were third under saddle to finish as champions in the Large Pony Hunters, sponsored by the Goodwin Family and were presented with The Tampa Horse Show Trophy donated by Dr. Suzanne Smith. Their top ribbons gave them the Grand Pony Hunter Championship sponsored by Pegasus Show Stable and The Endicott Family. The Large Pony Hunter reserve champion was Chapeau, ridden by Annie Cooper for Monarch Farms LLC.



Three class wins easily gave Orchard Zweed and Kenzie Smith the Grand Pony Hunter Championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography.

The 11-year-old Dutch Welsh Pony gelding by Leuns Veld's Winston was bred at Orchard Stud in the Netherlands. After standing at stud and a jumper career in Sweden, Scott Stewart imported the buckskin and gelded him. Immediately after, he was leased to Charlotte Morasutti, who trained with Samantha Schaefer. They had great success, and "Apple" came back to Stewart at the beginning of 2026; Smith was handed riding duties.

On riding the talented pony this week, she explained, "He definitely takes me around the course a little bit. Yesterday, I just wanted to go in and have a nice, smooth, confident round, and it worked out great. Today I wanted to step it up a little bit more, and he did that really well. In the handy, I can do a lot of inside turns, but today I kind of played it more safe on him. I went around a few places where I could have gone inside, but I was really happy with it."

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Press Play



We caught up with Friday night's WCHR Pro Finals winner Scott Stewart

And the Award Goes To



Small Pony Hunter
The Harper Taskier Wright Memorial Trophy, given in memory of Harper by her loving parents Michael and Alexandra Borisoff Wright, friends, and family whose lives she touched.
Champion: Clovermeade Heartthrob, ridden by Grace Stenbeck-Werner, owned by Swede Ventures LLC
Reserve Champion: Keepsake, ridden by Gabrielle Pitts, owned by Rivers Edge



Medium Pony Hunter
Champion: Hopscotch, ridden by Annie Cooper, owned by Joe Currais
Reserve Champion: Super Sport, ridden by Jasper Bloomberg, owned by Gotham Enterprizes



Children's Hunter Pony
Sponsored by DFG Stables
Champion: Ever So Blue, ridden by Madison Rodrigue, owned by First Blue LLC
Reserve Champion: Gentle Touch, ridden by Marlowe Martin, owned by Charlotte Rossetter and Pamela Wright



Stewart-Warner Cup for Pony Rider
Given in memory of Laurie Gilbert Stewart and Mary Warner Brown by Donald E. Stewart, Jr. and Louise W. Serio
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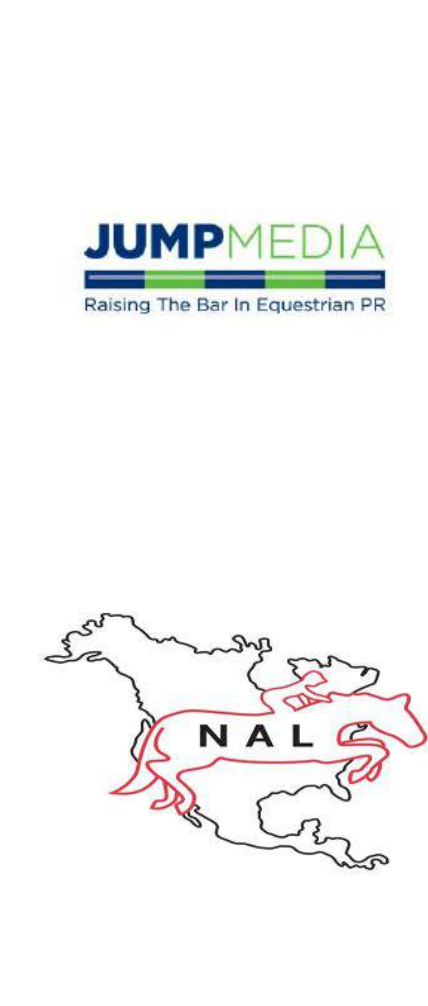
Small Junior 3'6" 16-17
Sponsored by Three Ships LLC
Grand Champion Junior Hunter 16-17
Champion: Styles, ridden by Lilly Herzog, owned by Rivers Edge
Reserve Champion: Sinatra, ridden by Ella Tarumian, owned by First Blue LLC



Large Junior 3'6" 16-17
Sponsored by Beacon Hill Show Stables
Champion: Kapateron, ridden and owned by Alice Goodwin
Reserve Champion: Circa, ridden by Presley Wade, owned by Wade Equestrian Farms LLC

The 2026 Capital Challenge Horse Show concludes on Sunday, October 3, with grand championships for 3'6" and 3'3" junior hunters as well as the children's hunters.

Photos by Shawn McMillen Photography



Thursday, Oct. 1

Friday, Oct. 2

Saturday, Oct. 3

Sunday, Oct. 4

Social Events Schedule

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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About the Capital Challenge Horse Show
The Capital Challenge Horse Show, an official USEF Heritage Competition, has a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. The 2026 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place from September 23-October 4. The 12 days of competition include prestigious equitation events, jumper divisions, the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals, the Green Hunter North American Championships, and more, with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional divisions.

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