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Nation's Best Hunters Awarded Capital Challenge Championships

Upper Marlboro, MD – The Capital Challenge Horse Show recognized the best hunter horses and riders in the country with the awarding of 11 championships on Tuesday, October 3, at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

In the 3'6"-4' professional hunter divisions, Scott Stewart of Wellington, FL, added three championships to his already lengthy list of Capital Challenge accolades earned over the years. In the High Performance Hunters, Stewart rode A Million Reasons to the championship for owner Dr. Betsee Parker. Stewart and the 12-year-old, bay, Holsteiner mare came into the day with two wins over fences, as well as the win in the under saddle, and with a final win in Tuesday's over fences class, they delivered a clean sweep of the division to take the championship, sponsored by Karen Long Dwight and Take the High Road LLC. The reserve championship in the High Performance Hunter division went to Olympic Fire ridden by Jennifer Hannan of Wakefield, RI, and owned by Roger Smith.

In the Green Hunter 3'9" division, Stewart's championship came aboard William Hill, owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC. The seven-year-old, bay, warmblood gelding was the reserve champion of the First Year Green Hunters Section A at the 2016 Capital Challenge Horse Show, and this year, he topped two over fences and the under saddle class to take the Green Hunter 3'9" championship. Earning the reserve championship honor was Early August, owned by Deeridge Farms and ridden by Patricia Griffith of White Plains, NY.

Stewart's third championship was earned riding Private Life, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker, in the Green Conformation division, sponsored by Joie Gatlin & Morley Abbey. Private Life is a highly-successful graduate of Capital Challenge's \$25,000 Green Hunter 3' and 3'3" Championship, having won the class in 2016 and earning numerous accolades since.



Scott Stewart and A Million Reasons, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker, won all four of the High Performance Hunter classes before earning the division championship. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

"He's always been easy. He's only six years old, but he acts very mature. He's really the youngest horse I show in these classes, but he's the easiest." - Scott Stewart, on Private Life

"The first round he was quite good; he touched the first jump lightly but was quite good," Stewart continued. "The handy was his best round. He likes it when it's a little bit more difficult. He likes the handiness and stuff that's a little bit spookier, so that was his best round."

Finishing in reserve to Private Life was Top Shelf, ridden by Leslie Steele of Calabasas, CA, and owned by Milissa Summer.

In the Green Hunter 3'6" Section B, sponsored by Lee Sadrin & Cynthia Kellogg, the championship was awarded to Always, owned and ridden by Victoria Colvin of Loxahatchee, FL. The five-year-old, Oldenburg gelding earned two wins and a third over fences and a fifth in the under saddle in what is only his fourth horse show as a hunter.

"He's been doing the five-year-old jumpers. All of [Winter Equestrian Festival] he did the five-year-old jumpers, and he was amazing. He had clear rounds, but I just did that because he seemed like he could be a nice jumper as well. Our last horse show when we were in Traverse City, MI, I showed him the first week in the jumpers, and the second week we were like, 'let's see what he looks like in the hunters.' We did him in the 3'3" Performance, and he won every class." - Victoria Colvin on Always

Taking home the Green Hunter 3'6" Section B division reserve championship with a first and third over fences and a second in the under saddle were Louise Serio and Kings Landing, owned by Meralex Farm.



Always and Victoria Colvin earned the Green Hunter 3'6" Section B championship on Tuesday, October 3. Photo by Shawn McMillen Photography

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Green Hunter 3' Colts & Geldings

Champion: Status, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Krista and Alexa Weisman. Reserve: MTM Page, ridden by Tracy Fenney and owned by MTM Farm



Green Hunter Mares 3' & 3'3"

Champion: Kamera Shy, ridden by Catherine Ellis and owned by Heathfield Hunters LLC. Reserve: Small Occassion, ridden by Keri Kampsen and owned by Iwasaki & Reilly



Green Hunter 3' Section A

Champion: Playbook, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Fashion Farm. Reserve: Hulla-Balou, ridden by Michael Dennehy and owned by Renee Rainey Howard



Green Hunter 3' Section B

Champion: Bieber, ridden by John French and owned by Four Winds Farm. Reserve: Giovanni, ridden by Deirdre Catani and owned by Martha Gangemi



Green Hunter 3'3"

Champion: Flint, ridden by Victoria Colvin and owned by John & Stephanie Ingram, LLC. Reserve: Soon To Be, ridden by Jennifer Hannan and owned by Jennifer Smith



Green Hunter 3'3" Section B

Champion: Hemingway, ridden by Sandy Ferrell and owned by Stephanie Bulger. Reserve: True Story, ridden by Holly Orlando and owned by Cathy Zicherman

INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY

Instagram post by deirdrecatani showing a leaderboard for the Capital Challenge Horse Show and a photo of a rider on a horse.

EXCLUSIVE VIDEOS!

YouTube video player for 'Meet John French' with a subscribe button and social media links.

THE DAILY UPDATE

Daily Update newsletter content including 'Green Stars Shine Bright' and a list of events.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Photo of Scott Stewart and Private Life receiving a trophy, with a caption describing the event.

Schedule for Wednesday, October 4, listing indoor and outdoor arena events and awards.

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