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Caroline Signorino and Anisette Are Best Pony Hunters

October 7, 2017 – Upper Marlboro, MD – The Capital Challenge Horse Show's youngest competitors took center stage on Saturday, October 7, at the Prince George's Equestrian Center. Riding away with the Grand Pony Hunter Championship was Caroline Signorino on Anisette, owned by Hannah Hoch. Presented by the World Equestrian Center, the Capital Challenge Horse Show ends on Sunday, October 8, with the conclusion of the Junior and Children's Hunter divisions.

On their way to earning the grand championship title, 12-year-old Signorino of Basking Ridge, NJ, and Anisette, an 11-year-old Welsh Pony Cross mare, earned two victories over fences and the Medium Pony Hunter championship, sponsored by Kayla Makhloghi and Rosemont Farm.



Caroline Signorino and Anisette won the Grand Pony Hunter Championship on Saturday, October 7, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#).

As the top pony hunter horse and rider overall, Anisette and Signorino were presented with the Grand Pony Hunter Championship, sponsored by the Aycox Family and Whispering Willow Farm; the VanderMoore Designs Inc. Trophy, sponsored by Chuck and Mela VanderMoore; and the Best Pony Hunter Rider award, sponsored by Archie Cox and Brookway Stables. They were presented with The Kitty Borisoff Memorial Trophy, sponsored by Alexandra Borisoff.

"It feels amazing. We've worked so hard, and from getting a 90 at Devon to this, it really can't get much better than this year." - Caroline Signorino

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\$10,000 North American 1.20-1.25m Low Junior/Amateur Owner Classic Winner



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"I love Capital Challenge. We've been coming here since I did medium ponies. I've done the jumpers here once before, but winning here now feels really good – to have the cooler and all of the medals. I've never done that before!" - Anna Beth Athey of Enid, OK, riding Chloe

\$10,000 North American 1.30-1.35m Medium Junior/Amateur Owner Classic Winner

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"I don't know how [Avoloma BH] gets her legs out of the way. She turns so fast. She somehow fits in the deep distances, and it makes it easy for me to get a fast time in the jump-off. I love this show because it gives you both components – an outdoor ring and an indoor ring. The indoor ring is really fun. It challenges us to really know our horses and the course and how it rides." - Mimi Gochman of Palm Beach, FL, riding Avoloma BH

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Grace Deبنى Snafes the Blue in the WCHR Pony Challenge

When Grace Deبنى and Storyteller claimed the WCHR Pony Challenge, the cheers from the ringside and the stands were deafening for good reason. "It was a true team effort," said trainer Stacy Weiss and the team's supporting daughter Sam Schaller in Washington. "My dad, Grace, and I were with Leslie Deبنى at home and he ridden with her once her walk-out date." "A big thank you to Grace's mother [Stacy] who always has been every weekend over here," said Weiss. "It's worth the drive that she makes and makes it happen. I've never seen anyone else there."

For the WCHR Pony Challenge, Storyteller was there for Deبنى as well. The daily challenge started at 10:30, 8:15 and 9:00 for an \$100 average. Samantha Deبنى placed second with Leslie (88) and Sam Schaller earned third with Nigel (87.66). "He knows when it's a big show and he knows to make it special," said Deبنى of Storyteller. "And when you're at a little show that doesn't count, he doesn't care. When we get here he gets up and is always ready to ride." Thanks to her Challenge victory, Deبنى also moved up in the standings to capture the WCHR National Pony title. "I was second in the National standings and I'm going to the Region coming into the show," said Grace, adding that she didn't feel any pressure. "I had a good weekend, so I just had fun with the Challenge. I think that the best way to ride here – just let him do his thing. He's just so perfect!" Weiss, whose daughter Schaller has earned multiple WCHR Challenge victories over the years, said today marked a milestone in her training career. "Never have we won the Challenge and been National Champion," she said with a smile. "We've won the Challenge many times but never both, so that was the very happy for Grace. It's something you can't do halfway, you have to devote the time. That's what it takes."

Today's Events

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| Indoor Ring 7:30 A.M. | Outdoor Ring 7:45 A.M. |
| 302 Junior Hunter 3'3" Sec. A O/F | 303 Junior Hunter 3'3" Handy Stake Sec. A |
| 902 Junior Hunter 3'3" Sec. B O/F | 901 Junior Hunter 3'3" Handy Stake Sec. B |
| 83 Small Junior 15 & Under O/F | 102 Children's Hunter 14 & Under O/F |
| 84 Small Junior 15 & Under Handy Stake | 103 Children's Hunter 14 & Under O/F |
| 93 Large Junior 15 & Under O/F | 104 Children's Hunter 14 & Under U/S |
| 94 Large Junior 15 & Under Handy Stake | 105 Children's Hunter 15-17 O/F |
| 10 WCHR Junior 3'3" Challenge | 106 Children's Hunter 15-17 O/F |
| 3 WCHR Junior 3'6" Challenge | 107 Children's Hunter 15-17 Under Saddle |
| | 7 WCHR Children's Hunter Challenge |

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



The Grand Champion Pony Hunter, Anisette - ridden by Caroline Signorino - checks out her winning trophy, held by Archie Cox. Photo by [Jump Media](#)

Schedule for Sunday, October 8

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About the Capital Challenge Horse Show
Now in its 24th year, the Capital Challenge Horse Show sets itself apart with a distinct and unique focus on preeminent hunter and equitation competition. Held each autumn at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, the 2017 edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show will take place September 29 – October 8. The ten days of competition will include prestigious equitation events and the World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Finals with many of the country's best horses and riders competing in junior, amateur, and professional hunter divisions. Learn more at [www.capitalchallenge.org](#).

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