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Liza Boyd Claims WCHR Pro Finals Victory

October 6, 2017 – Upper Marlboro, MD – Professional hunter competition concluded on Friday, October 6, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show, presented by World Equestrian Center, with the heralded \$5,000 World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Professional Finals. The top six professional hunter riders in the country went head-to-head over three rounds, before Liza Boyd of Camden, SC, emerged victorious. Capital Challenge continues at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, through Sunday, October 8.



Liza Boyd rode O'Ryan in the third round of the \$5,000 WCHR Pro Finals to clinch her victory on Friday, October 6, at the Capital Challenge Horse Show. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"I had a little bit of luck of the draw," said Boyd of her second mount, Redfield Farm's Carolino. "I got the horse that was a little bit nervous the first round for Scott (Stewart), and Scott did a beautiful job of warming him up for me. So, I kind of felt like the amateur rider that got to get on after the pro rode it around. Thank you, Scott!" - Liza Boyd

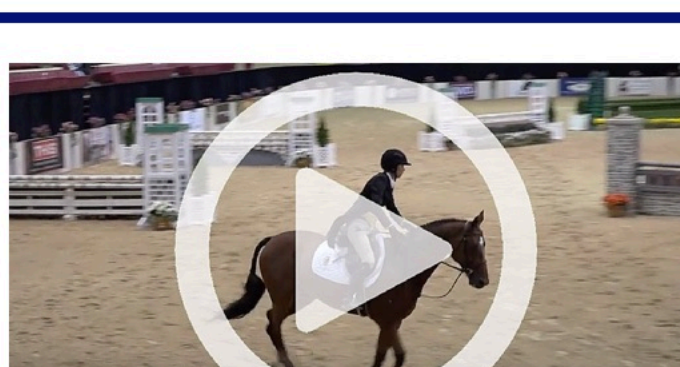
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Liza Boyd, Victoria Colvin, Tracy Fenney, John French, Scott Stewart, and Hunt Tosh each contested the first two rounds on a borrowed horse donated for the class before bringing a horse of their own into the ring for the third and final handy round.

Boyd earned an average score of 90 in the first round to move into the second place position, and an average score of 90.50 in the second round would move her to the top of the leaderboard where she would remain through the end of the class.

WCHR PROFESSIONAL FINALS SCORING

1 ELIZABETH BOYD	90.00	88.00	92.00	90.00	91.00	91.00	89.50	90.50	93.00	94.50	96.00	94.50	275.00
2 HUNT TOSH	88.00	86.00	90.00	88.00	93.00	87.00	90.00	90.00	95.00	93.00	94.50	94.16	272.16
3 SCOTT STEWART	89.00	85.00	87.00	87.00	90.00	90.00	87.50	89.16	92.00	96.00	95.00	94.33	270.49
4 TRACY FENNEY	91.00	92.00	91.00	91.33	87.00	85.00	85.00	85.66	91.00	94.00	94.00	93.00	269.99
5 VICTORIA COLVIN	92.00	89.00	88.00	89.66	85.00	80.00	80.00	81.66	94.00	95.00	93.00	94.00	265.32
6 JOHN FRENCH	89.50	87.00	89.00	88.50	88.00	86.00	88.00	87.33	87.00	90.00	89.00	88.66	264.49



WINNING ROUND

Watch Liza Boyd's Winning Round from the \$5,000 WCHR Pro Finals!

Mahala Rummell Rides to ARIAT National Adult Medal Finals Win

The win in the 2017 ARIAT National Adult Medal Finals was presented to Mahala Rummell of Jacksonville, FL, riding Bellagio.



Mahala Rummell of Jacksonville, FL, won the 2017 ARIAT National Adult Medal Finals on Friday, October 6. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

Rummell, 25, rode the 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Zoe Ganek, to a first-round average score of 89.66 to immediately take over the lead in the class of 30 entries.

With more than three points separating Rummell and Blais, further testing was not necessary, and the victory was awarded to Rummell. Rounding out the top three behind Rummell and Blais was Ashley Foster of Brookeville, MD, with a total score of 175.24.

With Rummell atop the leaderboard, the top ten from the first round were then invited back in reverse order of their standings to jump a second course. As the last to return, Rummell delivered another well-executed round, earning a score of 88.83 for a cumulative total of 178.49.

"[Bellagio] gives me a lot of confidence and makes you feel like you can do the hard stuff. He's pretty quiet. I'm always worried that I'm going to run out of horse; I feel like I'm kicking a lot, but he carried me around really well today." - Mahala Rummell

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At the conclusion of the class, Allyson Blais of Boynton Beach, FL, sat in second behind Rummell having earned scores of 88.66 and 87.16 for a 175.82 total aboard her own Captain Darco Heldenlaan Z.

Ariat Medal Finals Scores			
1. Mahala Rummell	89.66	88.83	178.49
2. Allyson Blais	88.66	87.16	175.82
3. Ashley Foster	86.91	88.33	175.24
4. Caroline Ingalls	87.00	88.00	175.00
5. Ellyse Ruschmeyer	85.16	84.33	169.49
6. Abigail Friedman	84.50	82.00	166.50
7. Jackie Kellner	82.66	81.00	163.66
8. Cattie Staszak	81.33	79.00	160.33
9. Jessica Barro	83.83	68.33	152.16
10. Tracey Gorin-Byrne	85.66	40.00	125.66

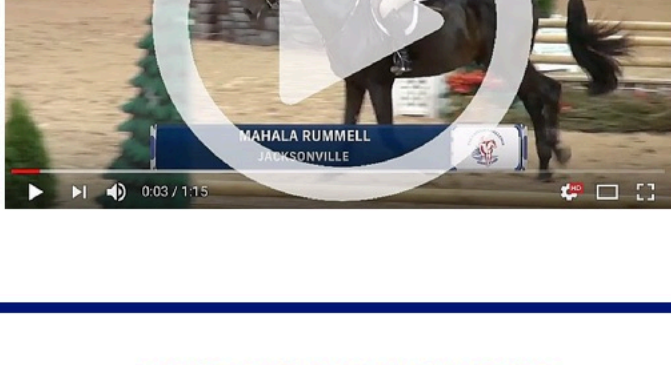


WORDS FROM THE WINNER

Hear from Mahala Rummell following her win in the ARIAT National Adult Medal Finals!

WINNING ROUND

Watch Mahala Rummell's winning round from the ARIAT National Adult Medal Finals!



INSTAGRAM OF THE DAY



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PHOTO OF THE DAY



Two thumbs up for Liza Boyd's win in the WCHR Pro Finals! Photo by [Jump Media](#)

Schedule for Saturday, October 7	
Indoor Ring 7:30 A.M.	Outdoor Ring 7:30 A.M.
113. Small Pony Hunter O/F	82. Small Junior 15 & Under O/F
114. Small Pony Hunter Handy Stake	85. Small Junior 15 & Under Under Saddle
118. Medium Pony Hunter O/F	89. Small Junior 16-17 - Handy Stake
119. Medium Pony Hunter Handy Stake	90. Small Junior 16-17 - Under Saddle
123. Large Pony Hunter O/F	92. Large Junior 15 & Under O/F
124. Large Pony Hunter Handy Stake	95. Large Junior 15 & Under Under Saddle
4. WCHR Pony Challenge	99. Large Junior 16-17 - Handy Stake
Evening Session 7:00PM	100. Large Junior 16-17 - Under Saddle
127. NA Low Jr/AO Challenge TFJO	301. Junior Hunter 3'3" O/F Sec. A
129. NA Medium Jr/AO Challenge TFJO	901. Junior Hunter 3'3" O/F Sec. B
	304. & 904. Junior Hunter 3'3" Under Saddle Sec. A & B
	12. Junior Pony World Champion Hnr U/J
	108 & 109. Children's Hunter Pony O/F
	110. Children's Hunter Pony Under Saddle

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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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