

## Maverick Helmer Wins Inaugural USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals - East

Upper Marlboro, MD – The Capital Challenge Horse Show hosted two major equestrian championships, as well as five age group equestrian divisions, on Saturday, September 30, at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Clinching equestrian final victories on the second day of the Bigeq.com Equitation Weekend were Maverick Helmer of Roanoke, VA, the inaugural winner of the United States Hunter Jumper (USHJA) 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals, and Ashley Foster of Brookeville, MD, winner of the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championships.

Rider	Round Totals	Final Score
1 MAVERICK HELMER	R1 84.00 R2 135.00 R3 178.00 R4 80.00	477.00
2 RACHAEL DAVIS	R1 85.00 R2 127.50 R3 182.00 R4 79.00	474.50
3 ALEXANDRA WORTHINGTON	R1 68.00 R2 130.50 R3 154.00	382.50
4 JORDAN ALLEN	R1 81.00 R2 121.50 R3 180.00	382.50
5 ANNKA SINGH	R1 81.50 R2 118.50 R3 174.00	374.00
6 SOPHIE GOCHMAN	R1 78.50 R2 114.75 R3 176.00	369.25
7 GRACE PEARSON	R1 79.50 R2 120.00 R3 187.00	366.50
8 BILLI ROSE BRANDNER	R1 85.00 R2 122.25 R3 157.00	364.25
9 CHARLOTTE MEYERS	R1 76.00 R2 125.25 R3 161.00	362.25
10 LILY WALTON	R1 70.50 R2 122.00 R3 168.00	361.50



Maverick Helmer of Roanoke, VA, won the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals - East.

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Helmer secured his USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals-East victory after three phases of competition and a challenging work-off.

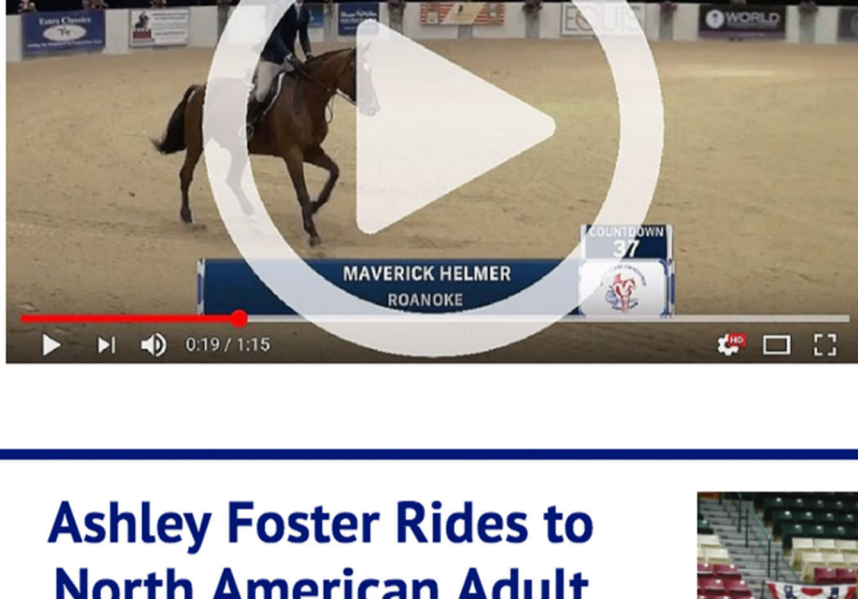
Judges Linda Andrisani and Chance Arakelian presided over the class, which attracted 39 entries over two days of competition. Following the Flat, Gymnastics, and Jumping phases, Helmer and Rachael Davis were fewer than five points apart. Therefore, they were required to work off over a second, shortened course with a tight time allowed, designed by Kenny Krome.

Davis went first and accrued five time faults, scoring a 79, and providing Helmer with the opportunity to consider his strategy. In the end, Helmer's tighter turns and quick pace scored an 80 and clinched the title without time faults.

"The work-off was really fun. It tested your ability to ride at a quick pace but still required you to think and execute really well. I thought my work-off was decent. I wasn't overly pleased, but I went for it and tried to make it work as best I could." - Maverick Helmer

Helmer, 16, credited his horse Canterbury and trainer Stacia Madden and the team at Beacon Hill for helping him to achieve success this year. He finished with a score of 477 points, with Davis as reserve champion with 474.5.

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**WINNING ROUND**  
[Watch Maverick Helmer's winning round from the USHJA 3'3" Jumping Seat Medal Finals - Jumping Phase!](#)

## Ashley Foster Rides to North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championship Title

The win in the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championships went to Ashley Foster of Brookeville, MD, riding Carlsberg.

The 21-year-old rider was awarded scores of 86.33 in both rounds of jumping to finish on a cumulative score of 172.66. At the conclusion of the two rounds, Caroline Ingalls of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, sat just behind Foster in the standings with a cumulative 173.33 score, after earning scores of 86 and 87.33.

With less than a point separating the top two riders, the judging panel – comprised of Linda Andrisani, Chance Arakelian, Brian Lenehan, Bobbie Reber, Danny Robertshaw, and Steve Wall – asked Foster and Ingalls to return for additional testing, before ultimately awarding Foster with the win.

"It was extremely nerve-wracking! I feel like such an old lady, because I cannot tell you how nervous I was before going in there." - Ashley Foster



Ashley Foster, pictured with her parents Kevin (left) and Patty Foster (right) and groom Alfonso Perez, claimed the North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championships on Saturday.

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North American Adult Amateur Equitation Championships Scorecard

Rider	Judges Scores	Round Totals	Final
1 ASHLEY FOSTER	R1 86.00 87.00 86.00 R2 85.00 88.00 86.00	86.33 86.33	172.66
2 CAROLINE INGALLS	R1 85.00 86.00 87.00 R2 86.00 89.00 87.00	86.00 87.33	173.33
3 ALLYSON BLAIS	R1 84.00 R2 83.50 84.50 84.50	84.00 84.00	168.33
4 SARA BALLINGER	R1 83.00 82.00 81.00 R2 84.00 84.50 83.00	82.00 83.83	165.83
5 MAHALA RUMMELL	R1 77.50 81.00 79.50 R2 82.00 85.00 84.00	84.33 83.66	167.99
6 DANA BRAWLEY	R1 80.00 80.00 80.00 R2 83.00 79.00 78.50	80.00 80.16	160.16
7 TESS M FORTUNE	R1 84.00 84.50 83.00 R2 78.00 78.25 78.50	83.33 78.25	161.58
8 CAROLINE MOLTHER	R1 79.00 79.00 77.50 R2 75.00 81.00 81.00	78.50 79.00	157.50
9 LILLI POWER	R1 77.50 81.25 78.50 R2 80.00 77.50 78.00	77.75 78.50	156.25
10 CLAUDIA MILLSTONE	R1 78.50 77.00 77.00 R2	77.50 EL	

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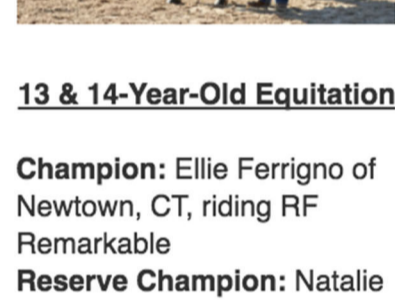


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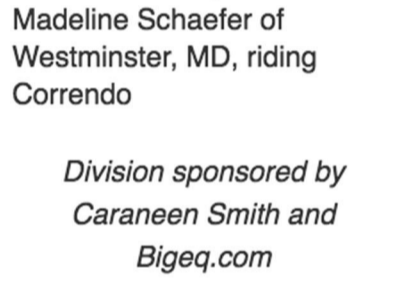
**12 & Under Equitation**  
**Champion:** Mimi Gochman of Palm Beach, FL, riding Pappy Van Winkle  
**Reserve Champion:** Avery Glenn of Penngrove, CA, riding Ullrich

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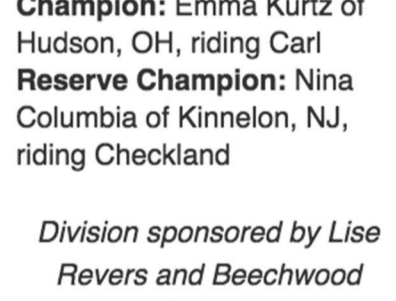
**13 & 14-Year-Old Equitation**  
**Champion:** Ellie Ferrigno of Newtown, CT, riding RF Remarkable  
**Reserve Champion:** Natalie Jayne of Elgin, IL, riding Cinzano

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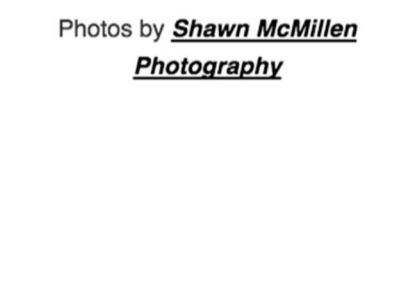
**15-Year-Old Equitation**  
**Champion:** Paige Matthies of Lake Leelanau, MI, riding Blurred Lines  
**Reserve Champion:** Madeline Schaefer of Westminster, MD, riding Correndo

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**16-Year-Old Equitation**  
**Champion:** Emma Kurtz of Hudson, OH, riding Carl  
**Reserve Champion:** Nina Columbia of Kinnelon, NJ, riding Checkland

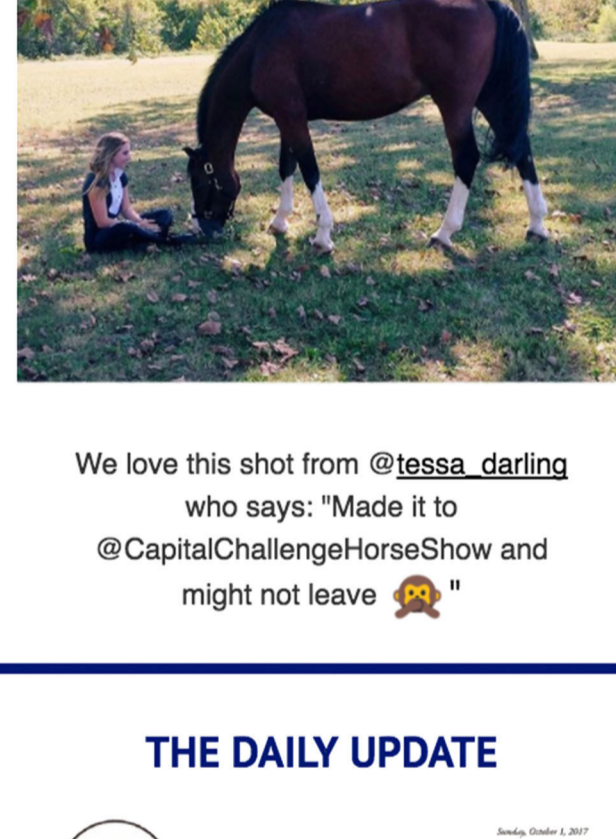
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**17-Year-Old Equitation**  
**Champion:** Haley Redifer of Barboursville, VA, riding Ballon  
**Reserve Champion:** Cooper Dean of Fayette, AL, riding Kori D'Oro

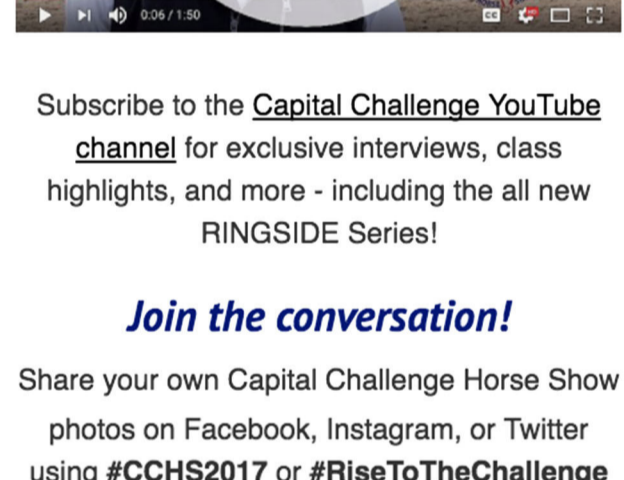
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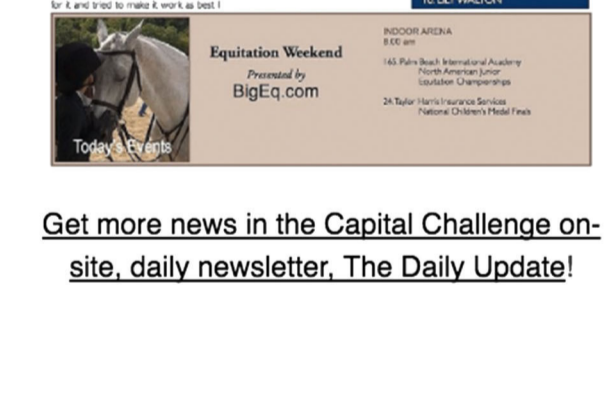


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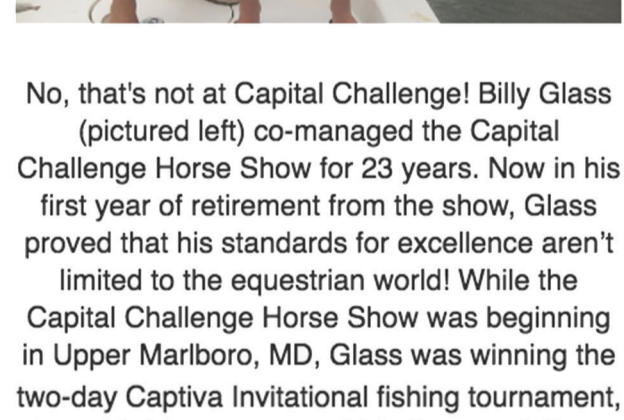
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No, that's not at Capital Challenge! Billy Glass (pictured left) co-managed the Capital Challenge Horse Show for 23 years. Now in his first year of retirement from the show, Glass proved that his equestrian for excellence aren't limited to the equestrian world! While the Capital Challenge Horse Show was beginning in Upper Marlboro, MD, Glass was winning the two-day Captiva Invitational fishing tournament, alongside his teammates Kyle Potts and Shane Earhart, in Captiva Island, FL!

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