



CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW

SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 7, 2018 UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND

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Liza Boyd Wins Second Consecutive WCHR Pro Finals

Professional hunter competition at the 25th anniversary Capital Challenge Horse Show concluded on Friday, October 5, with the highlight \$10,000 World Championship Hunter Rider (WCHR) Professional Finals, sponsored by Radwanski Enterprises.

The top six professional hunter riders in the country went head-to-head at the Prince George's Equestrian Center, with Liza Boyd of Camden, SC, ultimately emerging victorious for the second year in a row following three phases of competition.

"It's a great feeling; it's exciting. I'm glad my husband, Blake, and my daughter, Elle, are here to experience it with me."

- Liza Boyd

In a format new for 2018, the first round of the \$50,000 WCHR Professional Challenge, held on Wednesday, October 3, also counted as the first round of the \$10,000 WCHR Professional Finals, with the top six riders in the national WCHR professional standings bringing forward their scores from Wednesday night into Friday's class.



Liza Boyd won the \$10,000 WCHR Pro Finals, sponsored by Radwanski Enterprises, for the second consecutive year. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

While John French was in the top six, he opted not to compete, opening up a spot for Boyd in the top six.

Victoria Colvin, Sandy Ferrell, Jenny Karazissis, Amanda Steege, Scott Stewart, and Boyd returned on Friday night to jump the opening round over a handy hunter course on the horse of their choosing.

Colvin was mounted on Airport 48, owned by John & Stephanie Ingram LLC; Ferrell was aboard Moonshot, owned by Stephanie Bulger; Karazissis rode Big Shot, owned by Dulcie Lou Morris; Steege returned with Lafitte de Muze, owned by Cheryl Olsten; Stewart rode Private Life, owned by Dr. Betsee Parker; and Boyd was aboard O'Ryan, owned by Maggie Hill.

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PRO FINALS SCORING

1 LIZA BOYD	Playoffs Round 1	86.16
	Playoffs Round 2	89.66
	Playoffs Total	175.82
Final Four	92.33	89.33
	91.66	93.50
		366.82
2 SCOTT STEWART	Playoffs Round 1	92.66
	Playoffs Round 2	92.33
	Playoffs Total	184.99
Final Four	87.00	91.00
	90.00	93.50
		361.50
3 AMANDA STEEGE	Playoffs Round 1	88.33
	Playoffs Round 2	88.00
	Playoffs Total	176.33
Final Four	87.00	90.00
	87.66	90.33
		354.92
4 VICTORIA COLVIN	Playoffs Round 1	89.41
	Playoffs Round 2	91.33
	Playoffs Total	180.74
Final Four	89.00	78.00
	91.33	90.66
		348.99



THE WCHR PRO FINALS - FINAL ROTATION

Watch the final ride of each of the top four riders in Friday's \$10,000 WCHR Pro Finals!

Ingram Completes a Week of Wins in Ariat National Adult Medal Finals

Completing a fairytale week at Capital Challenge, 21-year-old Martha Ingram led the victory gallop at yet another major event, the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals on Friday, October 5. She and Airport 48 ran away with the win by more than six points, completing two rounds with a total of 175.16. The Nashville, TN, resident scored 88.50 in the first round and led all the way through the class after scoring an 86.66 in round two.

Ingram added this victory to those in the North American Adult Equitation Championships during the Capital Challenge Equitation Weekend, sponsored by Bigeq.com. She also rode Lyons Creek Bellini to the win in the WCHR Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Challenge and reserve champion in the Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunter division.

"I'm feeling really ecstatic. As the first national horse show [of the indoor season], you've been working all year and you want to come in and have a good horse show and set your season off. It's just been a whirlwind and I couldn't be happier."

- Martha Ingram



The win in the Ariat National Adult Medal Finals went to Martha Ingram of Nashville, TN. Photo by **Shawn McMillen Photography**

Last weekend's championship class was the first time Ingram had shown Airport 48, a 15-year-old Holsteiner gelding owned by her father John, in the equitation.

Two weeks prior, they competed in a three-foot hunter class in Kentucky, but they do not have an extensive relationship despite her family owning him for six years.

After a fall and two fractured fingers last week, Ingram decided to stay on Airport 48 for the Ariat finals, even though her original equitation horse (who wasn't quite right for last weekend's equitation championships) was ready for the class.

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Ariat Medal Finals Scores

1. Marth Ingram	88.50	86.66	175.16
2. Sara Wyrzes	83.83	85.00	168.83
3. Lily Walton	83.13	83.66	166.79
4. Catie Staszak	84.50	80.83	165.33
5. Elysse Ruschmeyer	83.00	81.33	164.33
6. Wynne Weatherly	84.00	80.00	164.00
7. Jaime Krupnick	85.16	76.33	161.49
8. Michael Andrade	84.33	76.33	160.66
9. Kendall Fately	87.66	67.33	154.99
10. Elysse Ruschmeyer	84.16	54.33	138.49

BEHIND-THE-SCENES VIDEOS



Ever wonder what happens through the night to make horses come out looking their best at a top horse show? We caught up with braider Marena Watson to find out!

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PHOTO OF THE DAY



The top four in the WCHR Pro Finals, Victoria Colvin, Liza Boyd, Amanda Steege, and Scott Stewart, joined by Boyd's daughter, Elle (center). Photo by **Jump Media**

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