

CAPITAL CHALLENGE HORSE SHOW

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Tracy Scheriff-Muser and Lindsay Maxwell Take Grand Amateur-Owner Championships

Upper Marlboro, MD – Tracy Scheriff-Muser of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, riding Aristocrat, and Lindsay Maxwell of Beverly Hills, CA, aboard Belgravia, claimed the Grand Amateur Owner Hunter Championship titles on Thursday, October 5, at the 25th anniversary Capital Challenge Horse Show.

Earning the Adult Amateur Hunter Championship at the show, which continues through Sunday, October 7, at the Prince George's County Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD, was Garland Alban of Luthersville, MD, on Remix.

For Maxwell, winning the Grand Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Championship with Belgravia was déjà vu, as she and the 10-year-old warmblood gelding claimed the same honor in 2017.

"It's such an honor to win here," said Maxwell. "I love this horse show; I was excited to be back with [Belgravia] again, and to do this twice in a row is really incredible. I'm really proud of him."



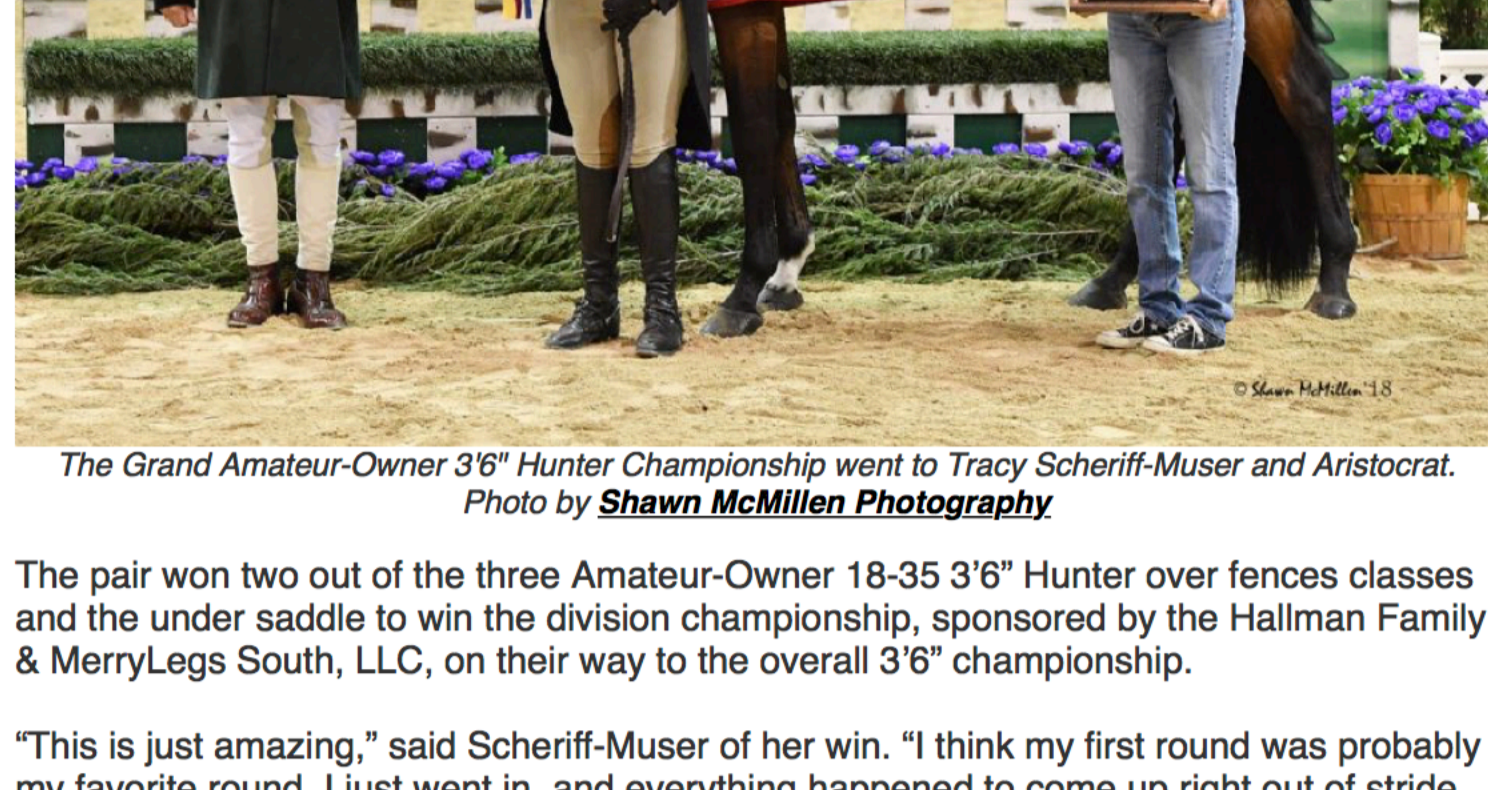
Lindsay Maxwell and Belgravia won the Grand Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Championship for the second year in a row. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

With wins in all three over fences classes and the under saddle, Maxwell and Belgravia claimed the Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunter division championship; the Grand Amateur-Owner 3'3" Hunter Championship, sponsored by Missy Luczak-Smith; and the Best Amateur-Owner 3'3" Rider Award, sponsored by Spring Mill Farm LLC.

Finishing as the reserve champions in the Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunter division were Martha Ingram of Nashville, TN, and Lyons Creek Bellini, owned by John & Stephanie Ingram, LLC, who also won the \$2,500 WCHR Amateur-Owner 3'3" Challenge

In the Amateur-Owner 36 & Over 3'3" Hunters, the championship, sponsored by Woodland Way, Inc., was awarded to Belle, ridden and owned by Jane Gaston. They placed first, second, and second. The reserve championship went to Classic, ridden and owned by Dorli Burke, who won first, second, and fifth place ribbons.

In the Amateur-Owner 3'6" Hunters, the grand championship honor, sponsored by Finally Farm, went to Tracy Scheriff-Muser and her own Aristocrat.



The Grand Amateur-Owner 3'6" Hunter Championship went to Tracy Scheriff-Muser and Aristocrat. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

The pair won two out of the three Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'6" Hunter over fences classes and the under saddle to win the division championship, sponsored by the Hallman Family & MerryLegs South, LLC, on their way to the overall 3'6" championship.

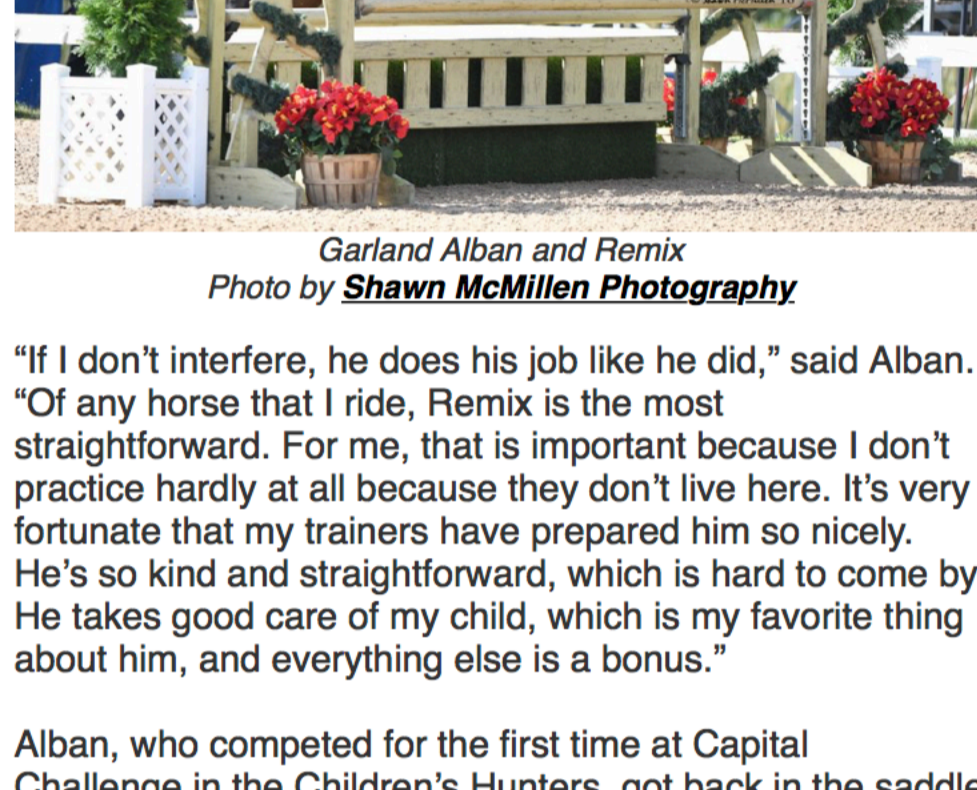
"This is just amazing," said Scheriff-Muser of her win. "I think my first round was probably my favorite round. I just went in, and everything happened to come up right out of stride. That was nice to go in and have a good first round and then feel confident."

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Garland Alban Gets the Grand Champion Ride on Remix in Adult Hunters

Riding her daughter's horse, Garland Alban rose to the top of the Adult Hunter divisions, picking up the Grand Adult Amateur Hunter Championship, sponsored by Steve Martines, with Remix. The pair was champion in the Adult Amateur 36-50 Hunter division and by winning both over fences classes and placing third in the under saddle, they easily secured the Grand Champion prize.

Alban, of Luthersville, MD, trains with Tim and Kelly Goguen, who are based in Kentucky. Since her horses also live in Kentucky, Alban doesn't get the chance to ride and practice as much as she would like. Coming into the indoor season, the Goguens recommended she ride her daughter Georgia's horse, Remix, a 10-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Comte they have owned for a year.



Garland Alban and Remix. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

"If I don't interfere, he does his job like he did," said Alban. "Of any horse that I ride, Remix is the most straightforward. For me, that is important because I don't practice hardly at all because they don't live here. It's very fortunate that my trainers have prepared him so nicely. He's so kind and straightforward, which is hard to come by. He takes good care of my child, which is my favorite thing about him, and everything else is a bonus."

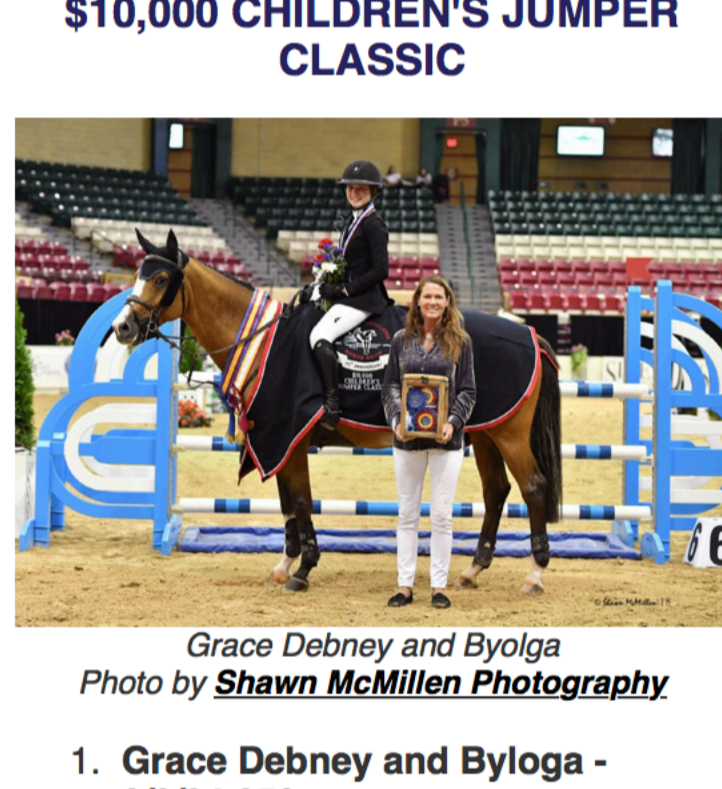
Alban, who competed for the first time at Capital Challenge in the Children's Hunters, got back in the saddle five years ago after a long break when her daughter Georgia Schmidt showed interest in riding. The mom of four said, "I could tell that I was going to be around horses a lot with her, so I took the opportunity to start riding again myself. I'm lucky to be able to find the time."

Of her grand championship performance, Alban said, "I'm very excited; it was not expected at all. There are so many great women in my division who are very accomplished. I didn't expect to have the day shake out as it did, and I couldn't be more thrilled."

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Correction: The press release issued on Wednesday, October 3, listed Fibonacci, ridden by Christopher Payne, as the Tribute Award winner. The correct Tribute Award winner was Boss, ridden by John French and owned by Laura Wasserman.

WCHR AMATEUR OWNER 3'3" CHALLENGE WINNER



Martha Ingram and Lyons Creek Bellini. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

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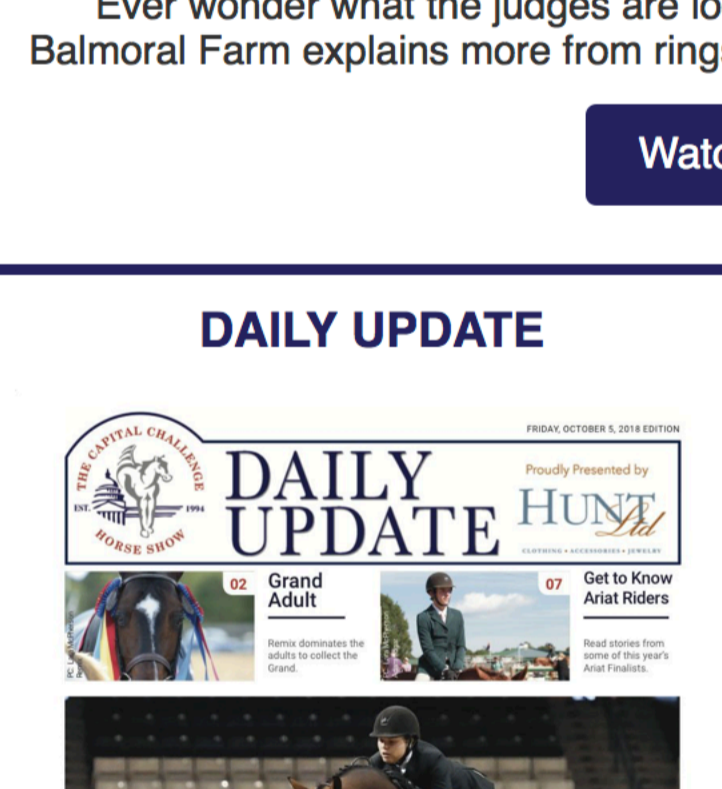
Virginia Fout and Cristiano. Photo by [Shawn McMillen Photography](#)

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"I just wanted to go in and have a nice round, not focus on winning because sometimes that can get the best of me. So, I just focused on having the best round I could, and it all worked out!" - Martha Ingram

"He's just such a spectacular jumper. He's a difficult horse, but when he's good he's amazing. It's sort of surreal...I was crossing every finger and toe for 30 minutes!" - Virginia Fout

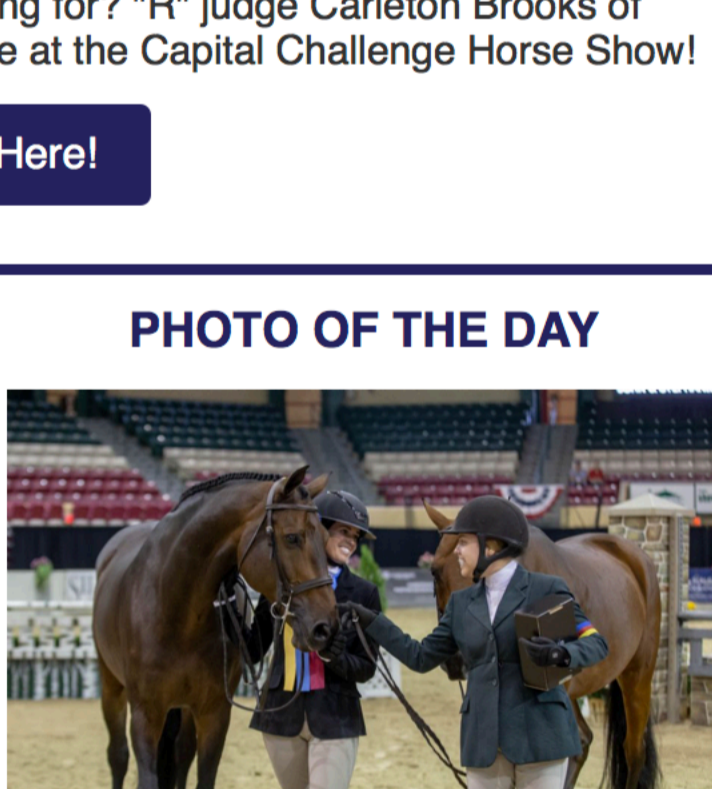
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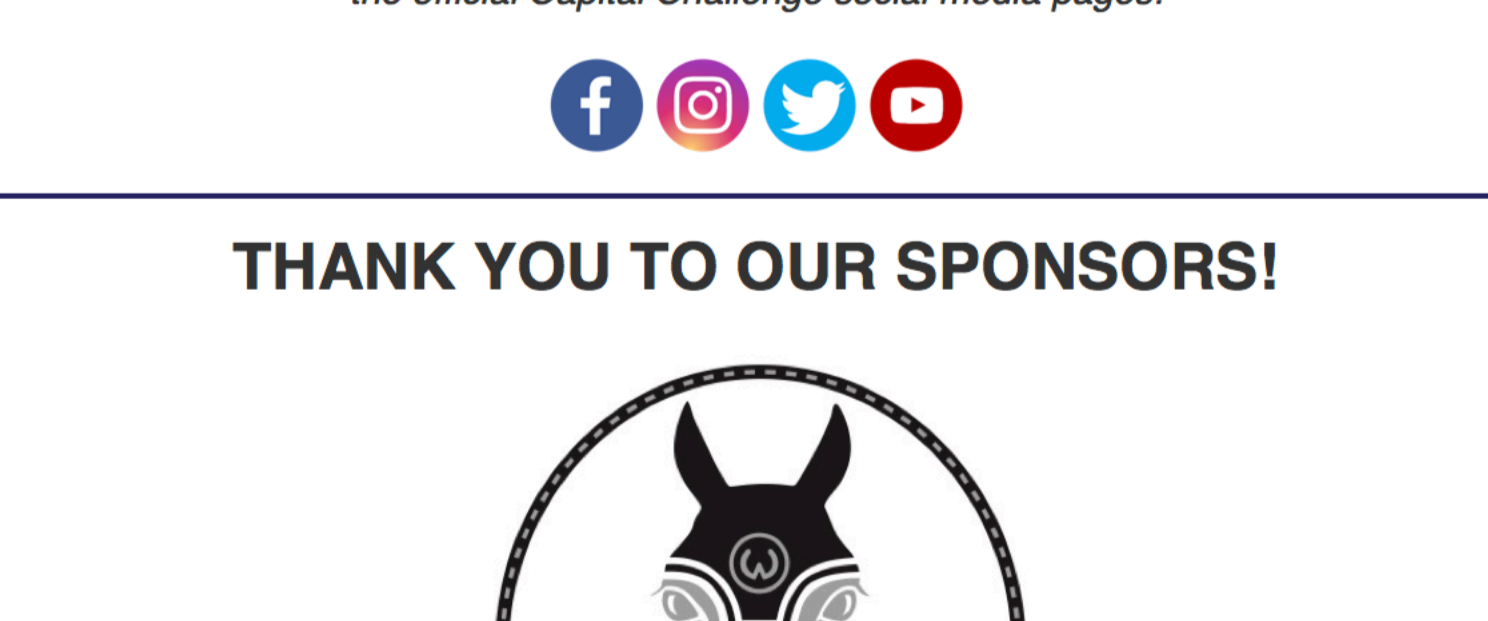
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Friendly competition. Lindsay Maxwell and Martha Ingram, champion and reserve champion in the Amateur-Owner 18-35 3'3" Hunters. Photo by [Jump Media](#)

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