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## **Nation's Best Hunter Champions Named at Capital Challenge Horse** Show

Upper Marlboro, Maryland – Twelve new hunter champions were named on Tuesday, October 2, during the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Capital Challenge Horse Show at Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Christopher Payne of Pleasant Plain, OH, kicked off the day's 3'6"-4' professional hunter divisions by sweeping the Green Conformation Hunters aboard Fibonacci, an eight-year-old warmblood gelding owned by Still Water Farm LLC.

"It was a good day – a good two days!" said Payne, who won all three of the division's jumping classes, the model, and the under saddle.



"He's an amazing horse," continued Payne

in speaking of the gelding that was only imported to the U.S. in January. "He didn't get a pre-green year like a lot of these horses. He just came over, got gelded, and started doing this. He's such a natural athlete and has such an amazing fantastic jump. He has the most amazing, natural jump that I've ridden."

Finishing in reserve in the Green Conformation Hunter division, sponsored by Joie Gatlin and Morley Abey, was Status, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Krista and Alexa Weisman.



Also nearly sweeping a division on

Tuesday was veteran Capital Challenge champion, Boss. With John French in the irons, the 12-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding, owned by Laura Wasserman, won all three of the High Performance Conformation Hunter over fences classes and finished second under saddle to take the championship. "You have a good round with Boss and you think, 'Oh, I hope I can get another one,'

and then he has another one," said French, who originally hails from Maryland but now resides in Paso Robles, CA. "He was super consistent. The first day one of the judges gave him a 94. I think he really likes it back here, he likes this place. He's just such a great horse, the way he goes around. "He's 12 years old now; one of the judges said he's ageless," said French of Boss,

whose 2018 High Performance Conformation championship marks the third consecutive year that the gelding has won the division's top honor. Read More



Hunter Sponsored by Joie Gatlin

and Morley Abey Champion: Fibonacci, ridden by Christopher

Payne and owned by Still Water Farm LLC Reserve: Status, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned

by Krista & Alexa Weisman



Scott Lenkart

Champion: Banksy, ridden by John French and owned by Grace Russo

Reserve: Private Practice, ridden by Victoria Colvin and owned by Brad Wolf

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3'6" - 4' HUNTER

CHAMPIONS



Champion: Catch Me, ridden by Scott Stewart

Dwight

and owned by Gochman Sport Horse LLC

Reserve: Cornelensky, ridden by Jamie Taylor and

owned by Caddell & Chapman



**Edwards** 

Champion: Boss, ridden

Sponsored by Ginny

by John French and owned by Laura Wasserman

Reserve: Truman, ridden

by Christopher Payne and owned by Maypine Farm

3'3" CHAMPIONS

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Sponsored by Peter Pletcher

Champion: Lafitte de Muze, ridden by Amanda Steege and owned by

Cheryl Olsten

Reserve: Hemingway, ridden by Sandy Ferrell and owned by Stephanie Bulger



and Cynthia Kellogg

Champion: Bastogne,

ridden by Hunt Tosh and

owned by Ceil Wheeler Reserve: Big Shot, ridden

by Jenny Karazissis and owned by Dulcie Lou Morris

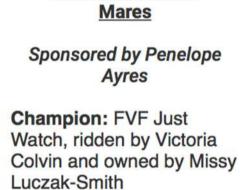


### Farm Champion: Traveller, ridden by Laena Romond

and owned by Catherine Cowie Reserve: Critic's Choice,

ridden by Scott Stewart

and owned by Ella Bikoff



**Green Hunter 3'3"** 

Reserve: Fairlife, ridden by Jennifer Alfano and owned by Debbie Marks



Champion: Paper Trail,

ridden by Kelley Farmer

LLC and David Larry

Reserve: MTM Style,

Glefke

and owned by Derby Lane

ridden by Tracy Fenney and owned by MTM Farm



Reserve: Endeavor, ridden by Patricia Griffith and owned by Callie Seaman

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Champion: Cabrio, ridden by Scott Stewart and owned by Ella Bikoff

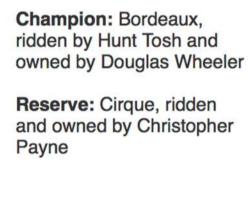
Reserve: Consent, ridden

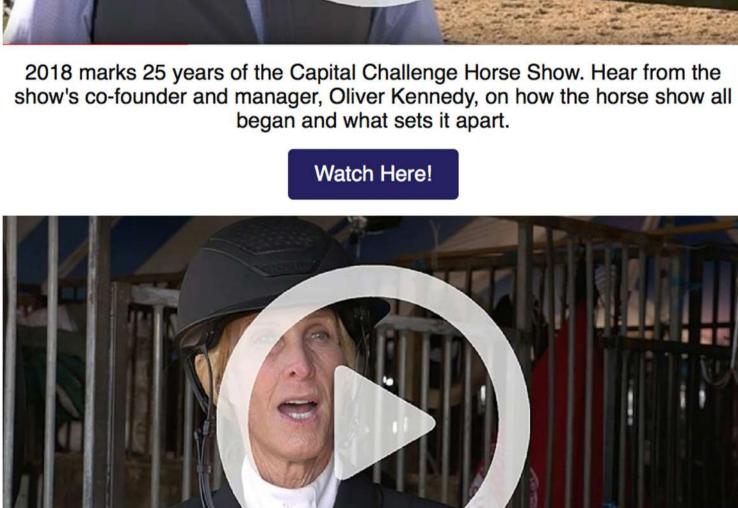
by Kelley Farmer and

owned by David Larry

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Jenny Karazissis comes to the 2018 Capital Challenge Horse Show as the USHJA World Championship Hunter Rider Program - WCHR's leading professional. We caught up with her and found out why this year's competition

is more emotional for her than most!



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